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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THE Fourth Volume of the Corporation Diary (1641 to 1654) embraces that momentous period of English History, which ensued between the meeting of the Long Parliament at the close of 1640, and the first Protectorate Parliament of Cromwell in 1654. A considerable portion of its contents is filled with Military details. Occupying a central position between the Head-quarters of the Parliamentary forces at Windsor and the Royalist Head-quarters at Oxford, the Town was the scene of many stirring passages in the Civil War. It sustained a short but memorable Siege in April, 1643, and was alternately garrisoned by both contending parties.

It may be found convenient, as before, to arrange my remarks under the following heads:—

POLITICAL EVENTS. We have before mentioned that the Members returned for Reading at the Meeting of the Long Parliament were Sir Francis Knollys, sen., and Sir Francis Knollys, jun., both of whom warmly espoused the popular cause. Tanfield Vachell, of Coley, was appointed High Sheriff, 1641-2. He was among the first to adopt the Parliamentary side; and on the outbreak of the great quarrel had refused compliance with a summons from the King to raise the Military force of the County on his behalf.

Among the chief events of this period, to which reference is made in the Diary, we may mention (1) The Irish Rebellion of 1641, which by its savage massacre of the English Settlers produced a general feeling of horror and exasperation throughout the Country. (2) The Invasion of Scotland in 1650, when the marvellous success of Cromwell is recorded by the payment of 30*s.* to the Ringers after the Battle of Dunbar. (3) We have notices of the war with Holland, in 1654, and of those successive Naval engagements so obstinately contested, which were to decide the question of Maritime supremacy between the two rivals, and to make England the Mistress of the Seas. A large body of the Dutch prisoners was interned in Reading, and an allowance made by the Government for their maintenance.

There is a significant reticence in this part of the Diary, with

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respect to those contentious subjects, which most deeply excited the popular mind. This may have arisen from the fact that the authority of the Mayor was partially superseded for the time by the Commandant of the Garrison, or from a fear of provoking the animosity of political opponents. Thus we find no reference whatever to the execution of the King in 1649, followed shortly after by the execution of Lord Holland, High Steward of the Borough. There is no mention of the suppression of the Long Parliament in 1652; nor of Cromwell's elevation to the Protectorate in Dec. 1653, although his promotion to that dignity was ordered to be proclaimed in every town throughout the Kingdom. Other matters of equal moment are also omitted. But the general feeling of the Inhabitants, in petitioning for an accommodation between the King and Parliament (1643), was an indication that England was weary of this internecine strife, that the Country at large was attached to its ancient Monarchy, and longed for a settlement of all vexed questions upon Constitutional principles. It is certain that the Military despotism, which now became so formidable to National liberty, had no real support either here, or elsewhere.

Before closing my remarks under this Section, it may be as well to speak of the Representatives in Parliament. The younger Knollys died in 1645, and was succeeded by Tanfield Vachell as Member for Reading. Sir Francis Knollys, sen., died in 1648, and was succeeded by Daniel Blagrave, afterwards Recorder, who undertook, if elected, to serve without receiving the usual stipend. Blagrave was one of the High Court of Justice, who signed the death-warrant of Charles I. After the Restoration he took flight to the Continent, and died in exile.

In the Short, or "Barebones" Parliament, convened by the Council of Officers in 1653, Reading does not appear to have been represented. In the first Protectorate Parliament of Cromwell, 1654, when Reading was limited to one member only, Colonel Robert Hammond, at that time Military Governor, was elected on June 28. The conduct of the Mayor, as returning officer, was so scandalous on this occasion that a scene of tumult ensued. It is probably for this reason that the usual notification of Hammond's Election has not been entered on the Minutes. It may be interesting to know that this was the same Colonel Hammond, who was Governor of the Isle of Wight during the King's imprisonment at Carisbrook. He was on terms of intimate friendship with Cromwell, and had

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The County Records during several years of the Civil War are unfortunately missing, but the Diary has enabled me to supply the names of the High Sheriffs of Berks for 1645 and 1648.

MILITARY EVENTS. With regard to the part taken by Reading in the History of the Civil War, I shall endeavour to connect the links scattered throughout the Diary, and piece them together when necessary from other sources.

As commanding the upper portion of the Thames Valley, and situated on the highroad to the Western Counties, Reading was a post of strategic importance. Before hostilities had actually commenced it was garrisoned for the Parliament, and Henry Marten, Member for Berks, one of the most prominent political characters of the time, and subsequently one of the Regicides, was appointed Governor. After the indecisive Battle of Edgehill, Oct. 23, 1642, the King fixed his head-quarters at Oxford, and the Royalist Cavalry under Prince Rupert appeared in the vicinity of the Town. It was at that period unfortified, and being untenable, Marten abandoned his post, and took flight to London. Reading was immediately occupied by the Royal forces, and Sir Arthur Aston, an experienced officer, who had distinguished himself at Edgehill, was appointed Governor, with a Garrison of about 4,000 men. Aston took prompt measures for fortifying the Town with earthworks on its unprotected sides, and erected 3 forts to guard the main approaches (see Plan). Stringent regulations were passed for forced labour on the entrenchments, and heavy contributions levied on the Inhabitants for the Defence.

The opposing forces remained in winter quarters until the Spring. On April 17 the Earl of Essex sat down before Reading with a force of about 16,000 Foot and 3,000 Horse. His head-quarters were at Southcot, a moated house, then the seat of the Blagrave family, and he delivered his attack on the South and West sides of the Town. The Governor was disabled by a severe wound, but the Town held out under the command of Col. Fielding for about 12 days. On the failure of an attempt for

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The Town remained in the possession of the Parliament until the following September. After the first battle of Newbury, Essex being closely pursued on his retreat, stayed but two days in Reading, and evacuated the Town. It was immediately re-occupied by the Royalist forces, and Sir Jacob Astley (afterwards created Baron Reading) held it with a garrison of 3,000 Foot and 500 Horse. During this time we have the first historical notice of a "Berkshire" Regiment, and are informed that a portion of the garrison was detached to the assistance of Lord Hopton, who was upholding the Royalist cause in the West.

In May, 1644, the Royalist cause was again on the decline, and a Council of War at Oxford decided that the fortifications of Reading should be "slighted" or dismantled, and the outlying garrisons recalled to Oxford. Some relics of these fortifications may still be observed in the Forbury, where the existing mound marks the situation of a strong redoubt.

After this time Reading remained in the hands of the triumphant party till the close of the Commonwealth. During the campaigns in the West, the soldiers of the Parliament were continually passing through its streets, or quartered in its houses. Cromwell with a large force occupied Reading in 1647. Among its Military Governors we find the names of Colonel Baxter, Colonel Hammond, and other Officers of note in the service of the Parliament.

This Siege had no appreciable effect on the War generally. It was a struggle between the Train-bands of one district with the Train-bands of another. That splendid force of veteran Soldiery, which was hereafter to become invincible by its valour, discipline, and enthusiasm, had not yet been called into existence. A few skilled officers, like Dalbier, trained in foreign wars, directed the Engineering operations, but until the new modelling of the Army in 1645 no professional Soldiers held high command, and the result in almost every action was inconclusive.

The Siege, however, is remarkable on other accounts. Among

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. Shortly after the King's death in 1649, application was made to have the Town Charter, granted by Charles I., exemplified under the Great Seal of the Commonwealth. The Royal insignia were probably effaced at the same time, and the Mace altered.

A strong reluctance seems to have been felt during this period to undertake Municipal office. At that day posts of dignity were posts of danger. The Town was equally divided in political opinions, and as party spirit ran high, there was a natural dread of the penalties which might be inflicted, when either side happened to be in the ascendant. In 1646 a Petition was made to the House of Commons for the removal of eight loyalist Members of the Corporation. Again, the excessive contributions exacted both by the King and the Parliament pressed heavily on the Inhabitants, and no little unpopularity was incurred by their collection.

Hence we find continual applications to be released from serving either as Aldermen or Assistants; and a heavy fine imposed upon a newly elected Mayor who refused to be sworn in. That these apprehensions of personal safety were not unfounded appears from the fact that in 1644 the Mayor (William Brackston) was seized by a party of Horse, carried off to Wallingford, and detained there by the Governor until the Town had paid the amount levied upon it. One of the most remarkable entries in the Diary is an account of the Meetings held in the Mayor's *House* during his enforced absence by his sympathetic colleagues, to confer on the measures to be taken for his liberation. It is curious to note that during this stormy epoch, the Mayor's fee of £60 *per ann.* for his official Expenses was punctually paid, or in lieu thereof he was to receive the Toll of the Market.

The State of Reading after the Civil War. Throughout these 12 years of Civil contest, the position of the Inhabitants was one of unexampled suffering. During the Siege the ancient Grammar School was converted into a Magazine for arms; its Head Master

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had been expelled as a delinquent, and his place usurped by intruding Teachers, who preferred polemical strife to solid learning. The Cloth Trade, which had already shewn signs of decay, was now entirely gone. This cessation of Trade, and the heavy exactions levied by both the contending parties, inflicted ruinous loss on the Town. Its population was seriously diminished, and until the present century it never recovered the position it had once occupied as one of the chief centres of Manufacturing industry in the West of England.

GENERAL NOTES ON THE MS. DIARY, (1641–54.) We find in this Volume, as in the preceding, that several Entries of irregular date have been interpolated at the end of MS. No. III. (*see pp.* 258—269), after which the regular Diary is resumed (MS. No. IV.). A break of nearly six weeks occurs in the Diary during the time of the Siege in 1643. This is naturally accounted for by the interruption caused to Municipal business from the clash of arms, and the imminent perils of the situation.

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I cannot close this portion of the Diary without once more expressing the immense boon which Mr. G. W. Palmer has conferred upon the Town, by the publication of the first four volumes of this important Record. It furnishes a storehouse of authentic facts, from which the future historian of Reading may gather ample materials for illustrating the Political, Commercial, and Social aspects of the times they describe. It is to be hoped that at some early date the publication of the Diary may be continued to the Accession of the House of Hanover, or even to the commencement of the present century.

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DIARY OF THE CORPORATION OF READING.

[p. 135.] Wensdaye, 6 January, 1640, [164⅘.]

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor* [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Agreed that stones for the Querne in the Hospitall shalbe bought and paid for by the Chamberlaynes.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. Walter Knight shall forthwith sue for . . . against William Blacknall [and] Francis Knight.

Agreed alsoe that Walter Fellowe shall have the 80*li.*, givinge bond with theise sureties, Richard Fellowe, John Fellowe and Edward Andrewes.

14° Januarii, 1640.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Maynewaringe, Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston*, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

At this daye the Quarter Sessions for the Towne were holden; and the Jurye empannelled and sworne, and all the recognizances returned and called, &c.

And the Constables and Wardens brought in their presentmentes.

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Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynewaringe, Esq., Sceneschall.

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Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Duell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackstone, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

At this day Robert Westmerland was paid by the Mayor and Aldermen in full of his bill for worke at the Howse of Correccion, (out of the House of Correccion stocke in William Wylmer's handes,) the summe of fifteene poundes, whiche is intended to be taken uppe quarterly from the Countie Sessions and soe to make uppe the stocke againe.

And whereas Robert Westmerland his bill is 19*s.* 10*d.* more, that was deteyned in liew of a ladder which he had of the Hall, and that promised to be paid him, if he bringe in a ladder, which the Company shall like of, or else they must buy a ladder with that money.

Then agreed that Robert Westmerland shall have a lease of the Conduit Close, with all the howses thereupon, from Lady-day next for xxj yeares, yeildinge therefore yearely 4*li.*, to be paid halfe-yearely; the said Robert Westmerland to keepe the howses, Conduit and fences in sufficient reperacions duringe the tyme, and in th'end soe to leave it, with ten doores, 18 wyndowes with shuttinges, and tenn lockes and keyes, (and the use of the . . . .)

Agreed that whensoever the Company shall have occasion to use the said close and howses for visited people, then it shall be lawfull for them to enter and make use of itt, and for that yeare Robert Westmerland is to pay noe rent.

[p. 137.] Mondaye, 25 Januarii, 1640, et xvj° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Maynewaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman *, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston,

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Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

George Wooldridge, Edward Baker, William Turnour *, sen., William Brackston *, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour *, jun., George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *.

At this daye it was agreed that Mr. Jeninges and Mr. Burningham, soe soone as conveniently they maye, shall repaire to William Cooke, Mr. Whitlocke's man, and with him viewe the plott of meadowe ground in Henley, or neere there-aboutes, whiche Mr. Elmes offereth to sell to the Towne, and to consider of the worth and value thereof, to th'end a further some of money, parcell of the remayne of Mr. John Kendricke's legacye, maye be disbursed in pursuaunce of the decree, &c.

At this daye alsoe it was agayne in question whether Walter Fellowe shall have the 80*li.* raised of the rentes of the landes purchased with part of Mr. John Kendricke's legacye absolutely for ten yeares accordinge to the decree, yea or naye, agreeinge with Richard Hollowaye as it was first intended.

And by the majour voice it was agreed that he shall have the 80*li.* condicionally that he be bound to paye it in agayne uppon sixe monethes' warninge, in case the decree shalbe reversed and the money called in or decreed out of the Towne's handes, &c. Vide le3 file.

And at this daye alsoe Thomas Lowgrove, the Towne tenaunt of the farme and landes at North streete, exhibited another peticion to this Companye, purportinge aswell the alyenacion of his lease to one Henry Knappe, as the renewinge and makinge a newe lease of the premisses to the said Henry Knappe for 99 years, to depend uppon 3 lives suche as the said Henry Knappe shall name as, for and under the like rent, covenants and condicions as in Thomas Lowgrove's lease are mencioned.

And by the majour voices it was agreed that, he payeinge xx*li.* fine, Henry Knappe shall have a newe lease, &c. And libertye was graunted to refuse or take betwixt this and the next Quarter-daye. Vide le3 file.

Memorandum, alsoe that this daye bye Mr. Mayour's apoyntment Willyam Wylmer made his accomptes of all the encrease money

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remayninge in stocke and in whose handes it is remayneinge, and then paid out of his handes viij*li.* xix*s*, ; and delivered the bondes and note of and for the residue whiche are in the boxe of bondes.

And likewise an accompt of the residue of the common stocke unpaid, and in whose handes it is, remayninge at this daye. And himselfe then paid the x*li.* whiche was in his handes, and the bondes for that be yett in the boxe of bondes as formerly they were.

Both which somes of 8*li.* 19*s.* and 10*li.* doe come to 18*li.* 19*s.* whiche was then laid into the newe chest.

And the bondes for payment of the remayne of the comon stocke are in the boxe of bondes as formerlye they were.

And as touchinge the names of the parties whiche owe that remaynder of the common stocke, vide le3 file.

[p. 138.] 30 Januarii, 1640, et 16° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Duell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

George Woldridge, Edward Baker, William Turnour *, sen., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 139.] Wensdaye, 17° Februarii, 1640, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvj°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Antonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

Itt beinge informed that the Assizes for the Countie of Berkes shalbe holden here on Tuesdaye the second daye of Marche next,

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itt was agreed that, towardes the entertaynement of the Judges, it shalbe as followeth, videlicet :

The Judges' lodginge at Mr. Thomas Turnour's.

The Clarkes of th'Assizes at Mr. Thomas Bateman's, and Mr. Isack Craye's, [and] Mr. Gravell.

The Judges' horses at Christofer Kenton's.

The Clarkes' of th'Assizes horses at Henry Birde's.

Other private lodginges at Mr. Richard Burren's, Mr. Booden's, Mr. Stampe's, William Bishoppe's.

3 barrells of beere.
1 gallon of sacke.
1 gallon of clarett wine.
1 mutton.
1 veale.

Two quarters of oates. Francis Thackham to collect money of the Inholders, Brewers and Victuallers, and he to provide the oates.

Att this day it is agreed and ordered, that in case the Mayour, or any of the Aldermen (doeinge the Kinge's service at any tyme) are or shalbe troubled or called in question for the same, that then he and they shall have all their costes and charges borne and paid by the Hall, &c.

Memorandum, a peticion of Edward Greene and others concerninge Sharpearrowe to be read and answered on Quarter-day next.

Goodwife Lovejoye's motion for satisfaccion is referred untill the taxe for the visited people is fully collected.

[p. 140.] Wensdaye, 24° Februarii, 1640, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvj^to.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynewaringe, Esq., Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

George Woolldridge *, Edward Baker *, William Turnour *, sen., William Brackston *, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William

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Turnour, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman.

Whereas Mr. Walter Knight this daye brought in a bill of costes, touchinge Mr. Blagrave's suite, amountinge to xxviij*li.* xij*s.*, whereof Mr. Knight had received alreadye xv*li.* in parte; and it is now ordered and agreed, that Mr. Anthony Brackston shall pay to Mr. Knight the residue of the bill, out of the stocke which Mr. Anthony Brackston hath in his handes, and he shalbe allowed itt againe by the Hall.

Alsoe Mr. Walter Knight this day brought in another bill of costes, touchinge the Parliament proceedinges in Mr. Kendricke's busynes amountinge to xxxvj*li.* iiij*s.*, which was now ordered and agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham shall pay to Mr. Walter Knight out of the rentes and proffittes comminge of the landes purchased with Mr. Kendricke's money.

[p. 141.] Wensdaye, x° Martii, 1640, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvj°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

George Wooldridge, Edward Baker, William Turnour, sen., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman.

At this daye the said Mayour receaved warrant under the handes and seales of the Commissioners appoynted for the taxeinge of the two first Subsidyes of the fower entire Subsidyes graunted to our Sovereign Lord the Kinge's Majestie in this present Parliament for the warninge of eight or sixe of the most substanciall and discreetest inhabitants of every parishe within the Boroughe to appeare before the said Comissioners on Saturdaye next by eight of the clocke in the morninge at the Towne hall then and there to be by the said Commissioners chosen and nomynated assessours of the said two Subsidyes.

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At this daye a peticion exhibited by divers of the inhabitantes of this Towne against the enterteyninge of the Widowe Lowgey to attend the visited people in this Towne, when it shall please God agayne to visite this Towne, &c., had aunswere returned on the backeside of the peticion.

[p. 142.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 19° die Martii, 1640, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvj°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., George Wooldridge, Edward Baker, William Turnour *, sen., William Brackston *, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour *, jun., George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman *.

At this daye it was agreed that noe stranger or forreynour man or woman shall from hencefourth within this Boroughe set fourth any stall or stallage att the Markett-daye, contrarye to the intent and meaninge of the orders formerly made by this Companye and confirmed by the Judges of th'Assises.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that Thomas Lowgrove or Henry Knappe shall paye the fine of xx*li.* at or before Michaellmas next, and shall then nominate the 3 lives the lease shall depend uppon.

At this daye it was agreed that Robert Dye shall have a newe lease of his stables at Old Yeld-Hall at 3*li.* 10*s.* rent, as was formerly agreed, to be taken in his sonne Willyam Dye's name; and hath untill the next Quarter-daye libertye to choose to take either xxj yeares or 3 lives at that rent.

At this daye Evan Winstanley, a confeccioner of London, exhibited his peticion to be admitted a freman of this Corporacion, but with a generall consent it was agreed that he should not be admitted.

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As touchinge George Lamboll's admittaunce to be a freeman of this Corporacion, it is refer'd untill the Companye have advised with their Counsell.

Memorandum, that Richard Feild, Edward Wigmore and Frauncis Tossell, and some others, shalbe warned to attend the next Quarter-daye to compound for their freedomes in the Towne.

[p. 143.] Wensdaye, 24° Martii, 1640.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

At this daye it was in question for Mr. Robert Malthus to leave his place and office of Alderman without payeinge the x*li.* formerly agreed uppon, yea or noe; and it was at this tyme resolved in regard of his earnest sute by mediacion of freindes (himself beinge absent), that unlesse he will paye the x*li.* formerly agreed uppon to paye, he shall hold his place.

Memorandum, the pistoll and sword, that was seized for the theeves' goodes, was sold to Mr. John Dewell for x*s.*, which x*s.* was delyvered to Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Wensdaye, 31° Martii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

At this day a peticion was exhibited by Widowe Lovejoye for better allowance and satisfaccion for her paines aboute the visited people; whereupon it was considered and agreed that she shall have xxx*s.* soe soone as the taxe for the visited people is made uppe.

Agreed that Sir Francis Knollys, th'elder, and Sir Francis Knollys, junior, shalbe both presented at London with sugar-loves to the value of xl*s.* at least.

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[p. 144.] Wensdaye, 7 Aprilis, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Roger Stevens, clothier, then tooke oath to execute the office of one of the wardens of the Olde warde, in the roome and place of Edward Baker, deceassed.

Agreed that Ralph Coxhead shall continue his place of a Serjeant at the Mace within this Boroughe, soe as he give securitie to the Company before the first Court-day next after Easter weeke next cominge.

That securitye is in the box with th'others.

Wensdaye, 14° Aprilis, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall. Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. Richard Burren.

[No business recorded for this day.]

Wensdaye, 21° Aprilis, 1641.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

At this daye the eleccion of the 3 poore Maidservantes to cast the lottes for the xx nobles uppon Goodfridaye next was in this manner, for eache parishe one, accordinge to the will of the donour, vizt.

1. Margaret White, late servant to Mr. Alexander Blagrave x yeares at Ladye-daye, 1639, in St. Marye parishe.

2. Elizabeth Payne, servant to Mr. John Dewell at Ladye-daye, 1641, 9 yeares, in St. Lawrence parishe.

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3. Elizabeth Lane, servant to Mr. Thomas Turnour at Midsomer next 9 yeares, in St. Giles' parishe.

Memorandum, to assesse the Subsidyes Wensdaye in Easterweeke next. Mondaye after to deliver them.

[p. 145.] Goodfridaye, 23° Aprilis, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., Sceneschall. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

The 3 poore Maidservauntes elected to cast the lottes this daye for the xx nobles, vizt.

1. For St. Marye parishe, Margaret White.
2. For St. Lawrence parishe, Elizabeth Payne.
3. For St. Giles' parishe, Elizabeth Lane.

Memorandum, this is the vth yeare there should have byn a poore Maid-servant from Southcott (if capable), but none came.

Memorandum, this daye Tobye Marten by the handes of Mr. Richard Burren, paid the x*li.* in a newe leather purse, accordinge to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrove's will. And it was this daye, by the said Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses, distributed and paid as the will directeth, videlicet:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To Margaret White that at this tyme did wynne the lott, the purse . .	vj	xiij	iiij
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence's Churche .		xx	
To the Wardens of St. Marye Churche .		xx	
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Churche . .		vj	
To the Preacher in St. Lawrence that day .		x	
To the Junior Churchwarden that daye .		iij	iiij
To the Clarke and Sexten there that daye .		vj	viij
To the Clarke of the Hall . . .			viij
	x*li.*		

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iiij*li.* by meanes of the former guift of Mr. Willyam Brackston was this daye distrybuted by direccions of his last will and testament, viz[t].

xx*s.* thereof to 60 poore weomen in St. Marye parishe.
xx*s.* to lx poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe.
xx*s.* to lx poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe.
xx*s.* to xx poore laboringe men, xij*d.* a-peice:
to 7 in St. Marye parishe, 7 in St. Lawrence and 6 in St. Giles'.

iiij*li.*, of and by meanes of the former guift of Mr. William Legg, was this daye distributed by direccions of his last will to xxiiij poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a peice, viz[t]. to

8 in St. Marye parishe . .	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
8 in St. Lawrence parishe . .	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
8 in St. Giles' parishe . .	xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

iij*li.*, by meanes of the former guift of Marye Worsley, was this daye distributed to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, viz[t]. to

xxv poore widowes in St. Giles' parishe	xxv*s.*
xxv poore widowes in St. Lawrence parishe	xxv*s.*
and x poore widowes in St. Marye parishe	x*s.*

[p. 146.] Wensdaye, 5° Maii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xvij°, etc.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Maynwaringe, Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour*, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell*, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Antonye Brackston*, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

George Wooldridge, William Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Thomas Bateman.

At this daye Henry Rogers, servant to Mr. Steward, was allowed to be one of th'Attornyes in this Court and did take oath to doe the office accordinglye.

At this daye the Overseers for the poore made noe accomptes, but refer'd till next weeke.

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Wensdaye, 12° Maii, anno Domini 1641.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

William Turnour, George Thorne.

At this daye the Lawdaye was holden in and for this Boroughe.

Nomina Juratorum.

George Thorne, junior, primus	jurati.	Timothie Banister	jurati.
Henry Alright		Robert Staples	
Richard Seelye		Christofer Goad	
John Backhouse		Joseph Stockwell	
William Parre		William Mathewe	
Vincent Goddard		James White	
Robert Creed		Thomas Cowper	
Thomas Phipps		Willyam Hall	
		Bartholmewe Lake	

George Thorne
Henry Alright
Richard Seelye
Christofer Goad
Timothie Banester
} Affirers, jurati.

Et Juratores predicti dicunt veredictum suum ante [*blank*] proxim'.

[p. 147.] Wensdaye, 19° die Maii, 1641.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Mr. Maiour had from me into his handes William Blacknall's bond for the 40*li.* remayninge unpaid of Mr. John Kendricke's stocke.

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And Mr. Jeninges' bond for the xx*li.*, residue of the 50*li.*, late Mr. Edward Kemishe's, and nowe accompted to Mr. William Kendricke's accompte, as parte of his 50*li.* geven to buy lande to encrease his Almes-men's allowances.

A memorandum to Mr. Steward for his instruccion for the confirmacion of the decree in the Exchequer by the Parliament, if it maye be, uppon the hearinge, &c.

At this daye Mr. John Packer's gift of six quarters of wheat and rye, for and towardes the relief of the poore workinge people of this Towne, was by Mr. Maiour and the Aldermen devided and delivered to the Overseers for the poore of eache parishe, by them to be distributed amongest their poore, vizt.

To William Brackston and John Fellowe, overseers in St. Mary parishe . . .	xiiij bushells.
To Mr. Richard Burren, John Hatt and Willyam Beisley, overseers for St. Lawrence parishe .	xvij bushells.
To William Densell and William Bishoppe, overseers for St. Giles' parishe . .	xvij bushells.

[p. 148.] Wensdaye, 26 Maii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij^{o}.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour*, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Malthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston*, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

George Woldridge, Edward Hamlin, Christofer Blower, William Turnour*, sen., Thomas Bateman.

At this daye it was agreed that the xx*li.*, residue of the 50*li.* of Mr. Willyam Kendricke's guift for his Almes-houses, nowe beinge in Mr. Jeninge's handes, shall presentlye after Midsomer next be paid by Mr. Jeninges unto Mr. Thomas Thackham, to be laid out about the buyldinge of the Barne, late blowne downe by tempest of wynde, untill further order shalbe there-in taken by this Companye.

At this daye alsoe it was agreed that Jefferye Richbell shall from hencefourth yearlye paye xij*d.* rent to the Cofferer for the

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incrochement at his shoppe of [*blank*] foote in length, and [*blank*] foote in breadth, made by buildinge uppon the old bulke-roome, and settinge a newe bulke further uppon the Streete, etc.

At this daye it was agreed that Richard Alright payeinge 5*s.* William Wylmer shall deliver him his bond.

And at this daye Mr. Maiour brought in the 25*li.* which he receaved of William Blacknall, in part of the 40*li.* he did owe to Mr. John Kendricke's common stocke, and alsoe a bill of sale of two Spanishe clothes and two peices of plate for the securitye of payment of the other xv*li.* at Michaellmas next.

Which 25*li.* and 5*s.* had of Richard Alright was then by consent layd into the newe Chest, with the silver boule and the silver tankerd, parcell gilt.

At this daye the Overseers for the poore of the 3 severall parishes within the Boroughe brought in their severall accomptes for the yeare nowe ended; all which accomptes are uppon the file and doe appeare in the booke kept onely for that purpose; 1640.

[p. 149.] Wensdaye, 2 die Junii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Quarter daye, die Veneris, 18° die Junii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. 17°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor *, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Assistants.

Thomas Maynewaringe, Esq., George Wooldridge *, Edward Baker *, Willyam Turnor *, sen., Willyam Brackston, Edward

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Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor, jun., George Thorne*, jun., Thomas Dewell*, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman*.

At this daye John Newberye and John Milsoppe moved this Companye to have libertye in the Towne to bringe water to the houses of th'inhabitantes.

And the Companye aunswered that they did like well of the motion, and would further the worke in what they could; and in the meane-tyme John Newberye and John Milsoppe to procure a copye of the graunte in London to Sir Hugh Middleton for the conveyaunce of the water in London.

At this daye the 40*li.* heretofore geven to the Maiour and Burgesses in trust at the lotterye held in this Corporacion 1619, to be lent (gratis) to vj poore trades-men for five yeares, beinge at the five yeares' end, nowe repaid, the said Maiour, Aldermen and Burgesses disposed and lent the same to sixe other poore trades-men after the rate of 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a man, for five yeres to come, accordinge to their trust in that behaulf, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To Samuell Bushell, a joyner . . .	6	13	4
To William Thame, a cowper . . .	6	13	4
To Henry Lavoll, a weaver . . :	6	13	4
To Robert Jaques, a butcher . . .	6	13	4
To Frauncis Browne, a baker . . .	6	13	4
To Roger Symons, a butcher . . .	6	13	4
	40	00	00

To be repaid to be lent agayne at Midsomer, 1646. Vide le3 bondes.

Att this day agreed that Roger Symons shall have a new lease of his butcher's shoppe for xxj yeares at xl*s.* per annum, etc.

Memorandum, Hughe Sharpe } le3 file; etc.
Thomas Kirson }

Att this day agreed alsoe that John Evans shall have a new lease of his two tenementes for 3 lives, at xxx*s.* rent per annum, etc.

[p. 150.] Wensdaye, the xxiij^th daye of June, 1641.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynwaringe, Esq., Sceneschall.

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Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

George Wooldridge *, Edward Baker, William Turnour, sen., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnour *, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dye *, Thomas Bateman *.

At this daye John Wylder, late apprentice to Henry Frewyn of Readinge, pewterer, havinge served his apprentishippe seaven yeares, was admitted to use his trade within the said Boroughe, he payeinge 30*s.* and the accustomed dutyes for his enrollement, amongest the fremen of this Corporacion.

Afterwardes, videlicet, the 30th of June, 1641, the said John Wylder paid the xxx*s.* to Mr. Mayor at his howse, and after that, videlicet, the viijth day of Julye, 1641, I, Edward Willmer, paid to Mr. Thomas Thackham in his shoppe the said xxx*s.*, in the presence of my father, William Wylmer, and [*blank*] Bostocke, apprentice to Mr. Thomas Thackham.

per Edwardum Willmer.

[p. 151.] Wensdaye, 21° Julii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Thomas Manwaringe, Scenes-chall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. John Jeninges, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

Then Mr. Anthony Brackston brought in a particuler bill of such goodes as were sold in Mr. Jo. Kendricke's howse; upon which bill appeares what money he had disbursed, and what resteth in his handes; and the bill was then put on the file which concernes Mr. Jo. Kendricke's busynes.

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Wensday, the 28th of July, 1641, anno regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynwaring, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christopher Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackstone *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

At this daye the warrant from the Commissioners, to warne six of the most substanciall and discreetest inhabitantes of every parishe with-in this Boroughe to be Assessours of the .... money, was delivered to Mr. Mayour, and by him and the Companye present the names of all those apoynted to be Assessours were returned in writinge to the Commissioners accordinglye, for whiche warrant and a breife note of the Assessours' proceedinges and doeinges therein, vide the Subsidye file.

At this daye alsoe one Mr. John Clun of London, taylour, requested Mr. Mayour and his Brethren to make peticion to the Burgesses of the Parliament for this Towne, to favour and further the act and statute concerninge artificers and handicraftes-men, intended to be had in this Parliament. Vide le3 file.

At this daye alsoe the iiij° quarters of Maslyn, of the guift of Mr. John Packer, was delivered to be distributed by the Overseers of the poore of eache parishe, videlicet:

xj bushells thereof in St. Giles' parishe.
xj bushells in St. Lawrence parishe.
x bushells in St. Marye parishe.

At this daye the Black-smythes exhibited a peticion concerninge the Widowe Lowjoy, journeyman. Referr'd to another daye.

Apoynted to be Assessours.

St. Marye parishe:

Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. George Thorne
Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Edward Baker
Edward Brackston, John Harrison
} Assessours.

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St. Lawrence parishe:

Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. Richard Burren
Mr. Peter Burningham, David Elkes
Edward Johnson, Andrewe Wright } Assessours.

St. Giles' parishe:

Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Thomas Bateman
Richard Horsingdon, Richard Stampe
Robert Terroll, Nicholas Westwood } Assessours.

[p. 152.] Wensdaye, the 4th day of August, 1641, 17° regni regis Caroli.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. John Jenninges *, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackstone, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

James Blewett, a forrenour, forbidden to use or exercise the trade of a barbor in the Towne of Readinge, and James Blewett then promised to departe and not to use his trade.

Agreed that Mr. Anthony Brackston shall forthwith pay unto Mr. Mayor xx*li.*, in parte of the 41*li.* whiche he oweth unto the Hall, towardes the releife of the visited people for the tyme present, untill the taxe can bee made.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. William Turnour in St. Mary parishe shall forthwith pay in the xx*li.* which he oweth unto the Hall.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. John Jennyns shall forthwith pay in the xx*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, and the x*li.* of the Lord Archbishopp's money.

[p. 153.] Wensdaye, xj° Augusti, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. John Jeninges *, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr.

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Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

It beinge understood that the Assises for this Countye of Berkes shalbe holden in Readinge, Tuesdaye, the xvijth daye of this instant August, it was agreed that towards the enterteynement of the Judges it shalbe as followeth, videlicet:

The Judges' lodginges at Mr. Thomas Turnour's.

The Clarke of th'Assizes at Mr. Thomas Bateman's, and at Mr. Isacke Craye's, Mr. Gravell.

The Judges' horses at Christofer Kenton's.

The Clarke of th'Assises horses at Henry Birde's.

Other privat lodginges at

Mr. Richard Burren's, Mr. Nicholas Booden's, Mr. Richard Stampe's, William Bishopp's.

Two quarters of oates.

3 barrells of beere.

1 gallon of sacke.

1 gallon of clarett wine.

1 mutton.

1 veale.

Francis Thackham apoynted to collect money to pay for the oates of the Inholders, Bruers, Taverners and Victuallers.

Memorandum, to charge Mr. Doctour Floyde with 4*d.* per annum for his encroachment with the Viccaridge wall.

Agreed that the three Serjeantes shall have new gownes at Michaellmas next, and thenceforwardes they shall have gownes onely at every three yeares' end, and alsoe the next tyme when they shall have new cloakes thencefoorth, they shall have new cloakes at every three yeares' end, and not otherwise.

[p. 154.] Wensdaye, the xxv^th^ daye of August, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. John Jeninges *, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

[No business recorded for this day.]

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Postea, videlicet, die Mercurii, 8° Septembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij^mo^.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. John Jeninges *, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Newman *, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. Peter Burningham, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 155.] Eleccion-daye, die Lune, 30 die Augusti, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. John Jeninges, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., George Wooldridge, Edward Baker *, Willyam Turnour, sen., Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman *.

At this daye the said Maiour and Aldermen by direccions of their Chartre did nomynate and apoynt 3 of the said Aldermen to sit in eleccion this daye in their Towne Hall, to th'intent and purpose that one of those 3, soe nomynated by the said Maiour, residue of the said Aldermen and Assistantes presente this day, shalbe elected to be Maiour of this Boroughe, in and for the next yeare, as in and by their Chartre it is required, videlicet:

1. Mr. Peter Burningham, IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18].
2. Mr. Thomas Thackham.
3. Mr. Christofer Turnor.

And at this daye alsoe the said Maiour and Aldermen did name and appoynt two of the said Assistantes to be Chamberleynes of

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this Boroughe for the next yeare, as the Chartre requireth, videlicet:

1. Mr. George Woldridge, 2. Mr. Edward Baker, Chamberleyns.

At this daye consideracion was had of the great charge of the poore people visited with the infectious disease of the plague in this Boroughe; it was agreed that xxiiij weekes' taxe, by the Collection-booke in each parishe within the Boroughe, shalbe fourthwith leavyed and collected for and towardes the relief and bearinge the chardges, of and concerninge the said visited people.

And that the Constables shall gather this taxe, and noe man to be abated of his taxe in the Colleccion booke.

[p. 156.] Wensdaye, the xvth day of September, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Maior elect.

Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, absent, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, abs., Mr. George Thorne, abs., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Att this day the deodand, happeninge upon the death of Alexander Newbery, was compounded for 40*s.* and paid then by Anne his wife, and presently delyvered into the handes of Mr. Thomas Thackham, the Chamberlayne for the Towne affaires.

At this daye alsoe it was enformed that George Goodander, the Belman formerlye apoynted to that office, and some other publicke service in this Boroughe, was then deceassed; it was then agreed that Mr. Maiour should apoynt Willyam Potter, an auncient inhabitant in this Boroughe, to have the Bell, and to doe the office of Belman in this Corporacion, at the will and pleasure of this Companye, (he keepinge a booke truly of his doeinges therein, as formerlye it hath byn used.)

At this day alsoe, upon the peticion of Elizabeth Parker, widowe, she beinge indebted unto the said Mayour and Aldermen the some of l*s.*, they were pleased to remitt unto her xxx*s.* of the said debt,

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and she to pay th'other xx*s.* at Ladye-day next, for which Mr. Richard Fortescue gave his word. Vide le file pro peticione.

[p. 157.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 17° Septembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie xvij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham * [elect].

Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. John Jenninges, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., George Wooldridge, Edward Baker *, Willyam Turnor *, sen., Willyam Brackston *, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor *, jun., George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Simon Dye, Thomas Bateman *.

Whereas v*li.*, part of that xx*li.* geven by John Johnson to bynd iiij^or poore boyes apprentices and to be lent (gratis) to their Masters uppon securitye of repayment at th'end of their apprenticeship, formerly lent to Robert Skeate, with a poore boye named Willyam Holford, borne in the Towne and frendlesse, by effluxion of tyme is nowe due, to be repaid.

At this daye it was agreed that that v*li.* shalbe agayne lent, uppon securitye of repayment, towardes the byndinge of one Andrewe Clarke, a poore freindles boye, to be apprentice to learne to gett his livinge in any lawfull callinge, accordinge to the donour's direccions.

And whereas Elizabeth Parker, widowe, for and uppon some especiall causes, was indebted to this Company in the some of 50*s.*, at this daye it was agreed (uppon some causes the Company movinge) that the said widowe securinge the payment of xx*s.* at Lady-daye next, she shalbe remitted 30*s.* of the 50*s.*, and have her goodes she pawned redelivered. Vide le3 peticion sur le file hujus anni.

At this [day] alsoe it was agreed (for some causes) that Phillipp Shiler shall have v*li.* uppon securitye to be repaid x*s.* per annum,

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soe soone as it maye be gathered uppe, to th'intent that he shall take the poore wenche he hath brought uppe to be his apprentice, accordinge to lawe, and thereof to discharge the parishe as he hath done. Vide le3 file hujus anni.

And where-as at this daye complaynt was made by the Grocers freemen of this Towne, that one [*blank*] Bridgewater, a forreynour, keepeth open shoppe and selleth grocerye wares in this Towne, contrarye to the orders, and custome of this Towne, where-upon the said Bridgewater was convented and openly forbidden. Vide le3 file.

At this daye John Stidman, for some causes, was promised x*s.*, (allowed him, if uppon Mr. Wooldridge's accomptes it maye be spared.)

And at this daye alsoe it was made knowne to Mr. Maiour and the Companye that the 40*li.* of the gift of Mr. Richard Winche, formerly lent to iiij^{or} younge Clothiers, for 7 yeares, is due uppon the xxjth daye of this September, to be lent agayne to other iiij Clothiers, for other 7 yeares.

And some speaches were had about the Charitable-use money in the power of Mr. Mayor to dispose, but nothinge agreed about it.

[p. 158.] Wensdaye, 22° Septembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij^{o}.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. John Jeninges, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

At this day the said Mayour received a warrant under the handes and seales of the Commissioners apoynted for the assessinge, taxeinge and levyeinge of two entire Subsidies, granted to his Highnes by the laytie this present Parliament, for the warninge of 8, 7, or 6 of the most substantiall and discreet men of every parishe within the Boroughe, to appeare before the said Commissioners on Tuesdaye, the xxviijth day of this instant September, by one of the clocke in the afternoone, in the Townehall, then and there to be by the said Commissioners chosen and nomynated Assessours of the said two Subsidyes, &c.

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Accordinge to which precept Mr. Mayor, as it was agreed, hath returned the former Assessours, videlicet:

In St. Mary parishe:

Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor
Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston
Edward Brackston, John Harrison } Assessours.

In St. Lawrence parishe:

Mr. Robert Bent, David Elkes
Edward Johnson, Richard George } Assessours.

In St. Giles' parishe:

Mr. Thomas Turnor, Thomas Bateman
Richard Horsingdon, Richard Stampe
Nicholas Westwood } Assessours.

At this daye Henry Knappe, jun., paid in the xx*li.* agreed to be paid for his lease of the farme and landes at Northstreete, late Thomas Lowgrove's, and for the chaunginge of 3 lives uppon which the lease dependeth, &c. Which xx*li.* was then paid into the handes of Mr. Thomas Thackham, the seigniour Chamberlyne.

[p. 159.] Wensdaye, 29 Septembris, 1641, et 17° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. John Jeninges *, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., George Wooldridge, Edward Baker *, Willyam Turnour *, sen., Willyam Brackston *, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnour *, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *.

As touchinge Sir John Blagrave's refusall to pay his taxe for the visited people, it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Mayour and Mr. Brackston shall first speake with him before any distresse shalbe taken.

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Agreed that a warrant shalbe presentlye made to the Constables, for the takinge downe of Thomas Tovye's signe, and not henceforwardes to drawe any more beere.

Agreed that Mr. Robert Reeve shall have a new lease of his little plott of meadowe which he holdeth of the Hall, for 3 lives, at his old rent; and that the greate Ashe there groweing shalbe sould.

Alsoe this day the 40*li.*, of Mr. Richard Winche's gift, was disposed and lent by the Mayor and Company to theis 4 Clothiers, videlicet; to

Willyam Horne, jun., John Underwoodd, John Smith, John Deane, } they givinge securitye.

Agreed that Mr. Willyam Durham shall have the whole x*li.* per annum, given by Mr. John Kendricke, to reade morninge prayer in St. Mary Churche in Readinge.

Alsoe agreed that those persones within the Towne, which were distreyned for Shipmonyes, shalbe agreed with and have their monyes repaid unto them by the Hall.

[p. 160.] Mondaye, the iiijth daye of October, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. John Jeninges, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., Sceneschall, George Wooldridge, Edward Baker *, William Turnour, sen., Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblyn, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman.

At this daie and time Mr. Peter Burningham, the new elected Maior (by direccions of the Chartre, in the presence of his last predecessour Maior and the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes there being) did take his corporall oath,

1. the oath of Supremacye;

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2. the oath of Maior and Justice of Peace and quorum, of and in this Borough;

3. the oath to doe the office of the Clarke of the Markett within this Boroughe, during the time of his Maioraltye.

And Mr. Thomas Harrison, late Maior, did then take oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within this Borough during one whole yeare next comminge.

And att this daie and tyme the said Maiour, by and with the consent of the Aldermen his Brethren, did name and appoint Mr. Thomas Thackham and George Wooldridge to doe the office of Chamberlaines of this Boroughe for this yeare.

And att this daie the said Maiour did nominate and appoint Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for this yeare, vizt.

Willyam Gandye Samuell Johnson	Constables, jurati.
Thomas Phillipps John Wylder, jun.	gardiani pro Alta warda, jurati.
James Winch, jun. Thomas Winckles	gardiani pro Minster ward, jurati.
John Buttes William Greenwaye	gardiani pro London ward, jurati.
John Vigures John Underwood	gardiani pro Old ward, jurati.
William Webb Robert Willis	gardiani pro New ward, jurati.

[p. 161.] Wensdaye, 6° Octobris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij^o.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. [1] Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren [1], Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Thomas Maynewaringe, Esq., Seneschall.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[1]—[1] Mr. Tho. Turnour *to* Mr. R. Burren, *marked as absent.*

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Thursdaye, 7° Octobris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, xvij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour.* Sir Frauncis Knollys, senior.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Thomas Maynewaringe, armiger, Seneschallus.

At this daye the Quarter Sessions for this Boroughe were holden . . . [See the following entry.]

[p. 162.] Mondaye, 11° die Octobris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *.

At this daye the Lawdaye for this Boroughe was holden.

Nomina Juratorum.

Henry Frewin, jur.' primus.

James Arnold	jurati.	Theophilus Bent	jurati.
Gilbert Brackston		Johannes Castell	
Arthur Liford		Henry Clayton	
Joell Stephens		John Bartlett	
Nicholas Wylder		Bartholmew Lake	
John Browne		John Daye	
Edwardus Browne		Henry Bennett	
Willelmus Goodale		Richard Edmondes	

Henry Fruin, Jacobus Arnold
Gilbert Brackston, Joell Stephens } assignati Afferrers et jurati.

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The verdict appoynted to be taken on the first day of Marche next.

William Turnour Jo. Porter, sen.	scrutatores Carnium.
Johannes Daye Johannes Tither	scrutatores Piscium.
Hugo Grantham Thomas Richardes Benjamin Sidbury	scrutatores et sigillatores Corei, jurati.
William Potter Jo. Jerome	supervisores Plac' et Porcorum, jurati.
William Prise William Griffin	gustatores Cervisie.
William Horne, sen. Joseph East	scrutatores Pannorum et Brun', per recog'.

[p. 163.] Wensdaye, the 13° day of October, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Att this day John Perott was againe called before Mr. Mayour, Sir Francis Knollys, senior, Knight, Sir Francis Knollys, junior, Knight, Mr. Thomas Harrison and rest of the Aldermen, and then was required to putt in sureties for his good behaviour, which he then refused, and thereupon was committed to Gaole.

Att this day alsoe Henry Tubb made itt appeare that he hath paid into the handes of William Wylmer the 40*li.* which was in his handes of the stocke for the Howse of Correccion; which William Wylmer must accompt for, and thereupon Henry Tubb had his bond delyvered unto him.

Att this day alsoe the quietus for the fee-farme of this Towne due for the yeare Mr. John Jenninges was Mayour, was taken out of the Chest and delyvered into the handes of Mr. Thomas Harrison.

* Marked as absent.

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Wensdaye, 20° die Octobris, 1641.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Maynewaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

At this daye Mr. Thomas Harrison brought in the quietus for the fee-farme rent due and payable for the yeare he was Maiour, whiche, with the quietus for the yeare Mr. Jeninges was Maiour, were then put into the great chest.

And at this daye and tyme alsoe, the said Mr. Thomas Harrison made his accomptes of the taxes in his yeare taxed for the reliefe of the visited people and other poore people their neighbours, shutt upp and lackinge worke, the particulers whereof appeare uppon the file.

And he hath paid more then he levyed to xx*li.* xiiij*s.* viij*d.*, which xx*li.* is Mr. William Kendricke's, and the 14*s.* iiij*d.* must be added to the 29*li.* 5*s.* 4*d.* Mr. Thomas Harrison paid in.

And in consideracion of the great charge nowe beinge uppon this Corporacion in the dailye relievinge of the visited people, yt was this daye agreed that a taxe of xx weekes' payment accordinge to the rates in the Colleccion bookes shalbe fourth-with collected and leavyed.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Harrison paid in theis monyes, videlicet: 29*li.* 05*s.* 4*d.*

17*li.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

And Mr. Anthony Brackston then paid in 14*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

which in all is . . . . 61*li.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

all which was then presently put into the great chest.

[p. 164.] Wensdaye, the xxvij^th^ day of October, 1641.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer

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Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. Robert Bent, *egrotus*, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges*, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Att this day there was delyvered out of the chest unto Henry Frewin and Nicholas Wylder two brasen waightes, videlicet, one eight-pound, and one fower-pound.

Mondaye, the first daye of November, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell*, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Att this day it was agreed that if Willyam Blacknoll and Willyam Turnor shall come and geve bond to the Mayour and Aldermen for payment of xv*li.* at Lady-day in Marche next, then the cloth and plate shalbe delyvered unto the said William Blacknoll.

Att this day a lettre from the most reverend father in God, William Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, was opened and read and thereby the Mayor and Aldermen are desired to send a safe and speedye messenger for the money, and then itt was agreed that Mr. Mayor shall attend my Lorde's Grace for the receipt of the money.

[p. 165.] Munday, the 8th day of November, 1641, 17° Caroli regni regis Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayor*. Thomas Maynewaringe, Esq., Seneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell*, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham.

* Marked as absent.

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Att this day Mr. George Woldridge was chosen an Alderman, and tooke his oath to doe the office of an Alderman within the Boroughe.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Richard Stampe was chosen an Assistant, and tooke his oath to doe the office of an Assistant within this Boroughe.

Att this day alsoe a bond, under the handes and seales of Mr. William Turnour and William Blacknoll, was layed into the chest for payment of 15*li.* at Lady-day next.

Wensday come senight is apoynted for to choose the xij poore Boyes to be Apprentices accordinge to the Lord Archbishopp's direccions.

[p. 166.] Wensdaye, 17° Novembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xvij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge.

Att this day was the eleccion of the x poore Boyes borne in Readinge, one poore boy borne in Wokingham, and one poore boy borne in Bray, to be bound Apprentices by direccions of the Lord Archbishopp's of Canterbury his Grace's appointment, and were nominated and agreed to be bound to such masters as the Mayor and Aldermen can find to take them with x*li.* a-peice of the said Lord Archbishopp's charitable guifte freely given to that intent and purpose. Vide le file et les Indentures, prout, etc.

Wensdaye, the 23 November, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xvij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turner [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

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Att this day it was agreed that Mr. Anthony Brackston shall attend the hearinge of the cause betweene Mr. Daniell Blagrave and the Towne; and that he shall have all his charges borne; &c.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. George Woldridge shall forthwith make upp or cause to be made sixe gownes for Sir Thomas Vachell's Almesmen.

[p. 167.] Wensdaye, 8° Decembris, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Turnour *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge.

Agreed that the Hall accomptes shalbe given by Mr. Thomas Thackham on this day senight, in the morninge.

Memorandum, Mr. Steward to write to the Lord Archbisshoppe a few lynes, touchinge the allowance to the Towne Clerke for keepinge the booke, &c.

9° die Decembris, 1641. Coram Thoma Harrison, generoso, nuper Majore, etc. et modo uno Justiciariorum.

At this daye th'accomptes of the fines and amerciamentes extracted for the ij Lawdayes and Clarke of the Markett holden in Readinge in the yeare Mr. Thomas Harrison was Maiour were made and geven uppe by Frauncis Thackham the collectour thereof, as followeth, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Received of Frauncis Thackham in money collected	16	12	6
Whereof was geven by the said late Maiour to the Aletasters	1	0	0
Item, to John Jerome and Goodander for their paines	1	0	0
Item, to Bartholmew Lake for his paines .	0	10	0
Item, to Mr. Henry Rogers for amerciament roles .	0	5	0
Item, paid for writinge the accompt . .	0	2	6
Paid in all	2	17	6

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	li.	s.	d.
Soe rest to be paid to the Chamberlen out of this money	13	15	0

which Mr. Thomas Thackham then received into his handes.

And then rested ungathered upon theis amerciamentes [*blank*].

[p. 168.] Wensdaye, 15 Decembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., 17°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge.

At this daye the Hall accomptes for the yeare Mr. Thomas Harrison was Maiour, vizt. from the Mondaye next after Michaellmas-daie, 1640, untill Monday next after Michellmas-daye, 1641, were made and given up before the said Maior and Aldermen by Mr. Thomas Thackham, the senior Chamberlaine, who had the charge thereof for that yeare, vizt.

The Charge. Receiptes.	li.	s.	d.
Rentes certaine	263	6	7
Old quitrentes	000	13	0
Encroachmentes . . .	000	10	10
Arrerages of rentes, quitrentes and encroachmentes	010	5	2
In ready money at the last accomptes .	113	11	0
Other casuall receiptes . . .	040	1	8
Summa totalis	428	8	3
The Discharge.			
The certaine paymentes upon the rentrole .	154	13	8
Casuall paymentes . . .	195	00	8
Arrerages of rentes, quitrentes and incroachmentes	32	16	0
More for Mr. Robert Dye's rent, ar' . .	0	8	4
In toto	382	18	8

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Soe rest in stocke 45*li.* 9*s.* 7*d.* which remaineth in the handes of Mr. Thomas Thackham, Chamberlaine.

And there is oweing to the Hall from Mr. William Kendricke's accomptes, for monyes laid out in newe buildinge of the Barne, the some of . . . . . 38*li.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

[p. 169.] 15 Decembris, 1641.

Agreed then that the horse used for the visited people shalbe sold by Mr. Thomas Thackham and Mr. George Wooldridge, Chamberlaynes.

Agreed alsoe that the lettre now sealed by Mr. Maiour and the Company shalbe conveyed by Mr. Anthony Brackston to the Lord Arch-Bishopp of Canterbury.

At this daie alsoe Thomas Hollowaye, John Underwood, Richard Greenawaye, Thomas Belchamber, Richard Collinson, Anthony Mersam, John Saunders, Chiddocke Palmer, and Robert Cater, sheermen, were all forbidden to use their trades as Masters within the said Borough, unlesse they should forthwith make itt appeare to the Maiour and Company that they had served Apprentices to that trade according to the lawe.

And the complayn[an]tes willed to prosecute the delinquentes at our next Sessions, &c.

[p. 170.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, xvij° die Decembris, 1641, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esquire, Edward Baker, William Turnour *, sen., William Brackston *, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnor *, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dye *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe.

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At this daie itt is agreed and ordered that noe Constable or other Officer within the said Borough, which shalbe troubled or molested for or by reason of his office, shall have any monyes allowed unto him for charges or dammages thereby sustained, unlesse hee make demand thereof within one yeare next after hee shall sustaine the same.

35*s.* agreed to be paid to Mr. Edward Hamblen towardes his charges spent by meanes of the sute against him when he was Constable.

Memorandum, the iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Kemishe's gift to 24 poore housholders of this Corporacion, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, was distributed :

To 8 in St. Laurence parishe
To 7 in St. Marie's parishe } 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice.
To 9 in St. Giles' parishe

Then alsoe the iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's gift to 10 poore men of this Corporacion, 8*s.* a-peice, was distributed : to

4 in St. Laurence parishe.
3 in St. Marie's parishe.
3 in St. Giles' parishe.

Then alsoe the 10 shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's gift were given : to

4 in St. Laurence parishe.
3 in St. Marie's parishe.
3 in St. Giles' parishe.

And then alsoe the 10 wascoates of Mr. William Iremonger's gift were distributed : to

3 in St. Laurence parishe.
4 in St. Mary parishe.
3 in St. Giles' parishe.

[p. 171.] Wensdaye, 22° Decembris, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall.

Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices ; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr.

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Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge.

[No business recorded for this day, and the names unmarked.]

[p. 172.] Wensdaye, the 29 December, 1641, 17° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Newman, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

Att this day a letter from the Lord Archbishoppe of Canterbury his Grace was openly read, as touchinge the allowance of 40*s*. per annum to the Towne-Clarke of this Towne, for his paynes, &c., which letter is agreed to be registred, accordinge to the direccions thereof, &c.

Alsoe at this day a letter from Mr. Bridgman was read, which did desire the Mayour and Aldermen to give order to their Attorney to prosecute some persones, which have committed wastes in and upon the landes at Braye; and then upon Mr. Richard Winche's request of Braye, order was given to Mr. Walter Knight to prosecute in their names; and then Mr. Richard Winch promised to discharge this Company of all costes and charges arisinge, concerninge those suites, &c.

Witnesses, William Willmer, Walter Knight, Edward Willmer.

Mr. Steward hath received both the letters, to frame some fitt answere thereunto.

[p. 173.] Wensdaye, 12° Januarii, 1641. Coram Petro Burningham, generoso, *Majore*.

Mr. Willyam Page, the Schoole-Master of the Free Schoole Readinge, complayned of abuses done to him on Mondaye last in the eveninge, as he was goeinge home from his Scoole, by divers idle boyes in Readinge, vizt.

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Gregorye Bond Huse his sonne Bartholmewe['s] sonne Goodale's sonne Hollowaye's sonne	Examyned, all of them apoynted to be whipt, some in the Free Schoole and some of them by their Fathers in their owne houses.

At this daye alsoe Mr. Humfrey Dewell complayned that uppon Tuesdaye last, beinge the xjth of this Januarye, Edward Vindge, a butcher, caused a tumullt in the George gate-house, by settinge and causinge dog-fightinge and other brabbles, to the disturbaunce of the Kinge's Majestie's Justices and other gentlemen then at dynner, and did then strike the said Humfrey Dewell, and abused him in wordes, &c.

At the same tyme the busynes beinge examyned Mr. Humfrey Dewell, uppon the humble submission of the said Edward Vindge with promise never to wronge or abuse him any more, or agayne, did freely remitt and forgive the said Edward Vindge for this tyme.

14° Januarii, 1641. There was a meetinge at the Hall, and consultacion had concerninge a watche of able men to be every night in and for the Towne. Vide le3 file.

24° Januarii, 1641. Coram Petro Burningham, *Majore.*

At this daye Willyam Ambrose, a maulster in Readinge, in the roome and place of Robert Willys deceassed, did take oath to doe the office of one of the Wardens of Newe Ward, within the Boroughe, &c. Juratus.

[p. 174.] Wensdaye, the 16 [?] day of February, 1641, 17° Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

Att this day Mr. John Packer's guift of sixe quarters of maslyn, towardes the releif of the poore within this Towne, was by the

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Mayour and Aldermen devided and delyvered to the Overseers for the poore of each parishe, by them to be distributed amongest the poore, videlicet :

To Mr. Richard Burren, John Hatt and William Bisley, overseers in St. Lawrence parishe .	xvij bushells.
To William Dinsell and William Bishoppe, overseers in St. Giles' parishe . . .	xvij bushells.
To William Brackston and John Fellowe, overseers in St. Mary parishe . . .	viiij bushells.

Att this daye John Sawyer, Abraham Rowse and Richard James, and all Vintners within the Towne, were advertised and required to sell their wines accordinge to the rates and prizes sett downe in the Kinge's Majestie's proclamacion now read unto them.

It beinge enformed that the Assizes for this Countye of Berkes shalbe holden here in Readinge, Thursdaye, the 23 of this Februarye, at this daye it was agreed that towardes their enterteynement, itt should be as followeth, videlicet :

The Judges' lodginge at Mr. Thomas Turnour's house.

And three barrells of Beere for the Judges, and noe farther allowance, &c.

Att this day the stocke of 40*li.* belonginge to the Howse of Correccion was in question, and itt appearinge that Henry Tubb had paid itt in and was discharged of his bond, itt was agreed that Henry Tubb shall have the same stocke of 40*li.* upon new securitie, soe soone as itt can be made upp with the monyes that comes from the Countrie, and that Mr. William Wylmer in the meane tyme shall delyver soe much of the said stocke as is in his handes unto the said Henry Tubb, upon his and John Edsar's bond.

Att this day alsoe Thomas Tovye for his contempt in keepinge alhowse without lycence, and for keepinge ill rule and greate disorder in his howse, was committed to the Howse of Correction.

[p. 175.] Die Lune, 21 Februarii, 1641.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour * and Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices ; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Newman *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George

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Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston*, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynwaringe, Esq., Edward Baker*, William Turner*, sen., William Brackston*, Edward Hamblen*, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, jun., George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe*.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 176.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 4° Martii, 1641.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison*, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, *egrotus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor*, Mr. John Newman, *egrotus*, Mr. John Dewell, *egrotus*, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge*.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynwaringe*, Esq., Edward Baker, William Turnor*, sen., Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor*, jun., George Thorne*, jun., Thomas Dewell*, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman*, Richard Stampe*.

Agreed that the Alehouskeepers shalbe all warned in and some of them suppressed, against Munday next come seinight.

[p. 177.] Munday, the 14° Martii, 17° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison*, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Newman, *mort'*, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge.

At this daye all the Alehouskepers aswell licensed as unlicensed within the Boroughe, by warrant to the Constables and Wardens of eache Ward, were convented before the said Maiour and Aldermen,

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and by them agreed whiche shalbe suppressed and whiche shalbe licensed in every Ward, as in and by the particuler returnes of the Wardens in eache Ward, uppon their Oathes appeareth.

Willyam Turnor, of St. Marye parishe, put out of his place of an Assistant.

At this daye the said Maiour and Aldermen, for reasonable and just cause, knowne to themselves, and for the insufficiencye in estate, Willyam Turnour, senior, in St. Marye parishe, beinge one of the Assistantes to this Companye, by and with a generall consent was removed and put out of the Companye, and at this tyme discharged for beinge any longer an Assistant to this Companye.

At this daye Edward Baker, one of the Assistantes, was chosen to be one of the Aldermen, and then did take his oath to doe the office accordinglye, in the place of Mr. John Newman, whoe is lately deceassed.

At this daye alsoe Richard Hollowaye, clothier, and John Harrison, woollendraper, were chosen to be Assistantes to the Companye, and then did take oath respectivelye to doe the office, prout, etc.

Att this day alsoe agreed, that Mr. Walter Knight should presently send for a writt to arrest Andrew Kenton and John Pattison, jun., at the suite of this Company.

[p. 178.] Wensdaye, 16° Martii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, 17°., etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, *egrotus*, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynwaringe *, Esq., Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnour, jun., George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

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At this daye Mr. Christofer Turnour made request to chaunge the lives uppon whiche his lease of his dwelling house dependeth; and to have a newe lease thereof for 99 yeares, to depend uppon the lives of Wynefride his wief, Mary and Sarah Lownes, two of the daughters of Thomas Lownes, citizen and habberdasher of London, at and for the old rent, and under the like covenauntes and condicions, as in his former lease are conteyned, &c.

Lease. At this daye the said Maiour, Aldermen and Assistantes takinge consideracion of Mr. Christofer Turnour's request concerninge the premisses, they did graunt and agree that, Mr. Christofer Turnour payeinge xx nobles for a fine, he shall have a newe lease of his house for 99 yeares, to depend uppon the 3 lives before by him named, at the old rent and like covenantes and condicions as in his former lease, &c. 20 Nobles' fine paid to Mr. Thackham at th'enseallinge.

Watche. At this daye alsoe it was agreed that, for the better safe-gard of the Towne, the night-watche shalbe kept every night by xiiij housholders in their owne persons, or by sufficient men in their roomes, and that the watche shall contynue, and be kept every night untill this Companye shall see cause to the contrarye.

[p. 179.] Wensdaye, 23° Martii, 1641, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xvij°.

[Aldermen.]

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker *.

Att this day the xx^tie nobles nowe paid in by Mr. Christofer Turnor, for his fyne for his new lease of his house, was delyvered into the handes of Mr. Thomas Thackham, the Chamberlain, to be accompted for by him at his next accompt, &c.

Att this day the xxxv*s.* which John Vigures paid in for the goodes he did buy at Mr. Jo. Kendricke's workehouse was layed into the chest, unto the other monyes there.

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Att this day alsoe Nicholas Harwood, a shereman, workeinge with Robert Skeate, promised henceforth to pay weekely xij*d.* towardes the maynetenance of his wife and children now dwellinge in Abingdon in com. Berkes; and then the said Nicholas Harwood consented that the said Robert Skeate shall weekely keepe soe much in his handes out of his wages to pay the same accordinglye (in case the said Nicholas Harwood shall worke soe long with the said Robert Skeate, to witt, untill Midsomer next), and then afterwardes to continue the same weekely payment, or more, as the Mayour and Aldermen shall see cause, &c.

[p. 180.] Die Lune, 28 Martii, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xviij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison *, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker *.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower *, Willelmus Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

Att this day Mr. Tanfeild Vachell, Esquire, now High Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, did openly reade the booke of Proposicions for Ireland and a letter sent to him from the Lord-Keeper and Mr. Speaker, touchinge the promotinge and speedinge of that service, and did then alsoe move and perswade the Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes to subscribe what they would doe therein; but Mr. Sheriffe expectinge other bookes of direccions from the Parliament touchinge that busynes, they referred their answer untill another meetinge, &c.

Wensday, the 6th day of Aprill, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xviij°.

[Aldermen.]

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour*, [absent.] Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr.

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Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker *.

[Assistants.]

Mr. Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour *, George Thorne *, jun. Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye *, John Harrison.

At this daye the examinacion of the 3 poore Maide-servantes to cast the lottes for the xx nobles upon Goodfridaye next, was in this manner, in each parish one, accordinge to the will of the donour, vizt.

1. Elizabeth Payne, servant to Mr. John Dewell at Lady-daye last x yeares, for St. Lawrence parishe.

2. Katherine Ayres, servant to Nicholas Coplyn at Ladye-daye last 9 yeares, for St. Marye parishe.

3. Jone Warde, servant to John Baker, in St. Giles' parishe, at Ladye-daye last 7 yeares.

[p. 181.] Good-Fridaye, the 8th day of Aprill, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. 18°.

[Aldermen.]

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, *egrotus*, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

The three poore Maidservantes elected to cast the lottes this day for the xx nobles, videlicet:

1. For St. Lawrence parishe, Elizabeth Payne.
2. For St. Mary parishe, Katherine Ayres.
3. For St. Giles' parishe, Joane Ward.

Memorandum, this is the first yeare after the last fifth yeare for Southcott (if any capable), but none came.

Memorandum, this day Tobie Marten, by the handes of Mr. Richard Burren, paid the x*li.* in a new leather purse, according

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to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will; and it was by the said Mayour, Aldermen and Burgesses distributed and paid as the will directeth, videlicet:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To Joane Ward, that at this day did winne the lott and mony in purse . .	vj	xiij	iiij
To the wardens of St. Lawrence Church .		xx	
To the wardens of St. Mary Church . .		xx	
To the wardens of St. Giles' Church . .		vj	
To the Preacher this daye . . .		x	
To the Junior Churchwarden . .		iij	iiij
To the Clarke and Sexton . . .		vj	viij
To the Clarke of the Hall . . .			viij
In all	x*li.*		

Fower poundes by meanes of the guift of Mr. Willyam Brackston was this day distributed by direccions of his last will and testament, viz[t].

xx*s.* to 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe.
xx*s.* to 60 poore weomen in St. Mary parishe.
xx*s.* to 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe.
xx*s.* to xx poore men, xij*d.* a-peice:

to 7 in St. Mary, 7 in St. Lawrence, and 6 in St. Giles'.

Fower poundes by meanes of the guifte of Mr. Willyam Legg was this day distributed by direccions of his last will to xxiiij poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

8 in St. Mary parishe . . xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
8 in St. Lawrence parishe . . xxvj*s.* viij*d.*
8 in St. Giles' parishe . . xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

Three poundes by meanes of the guifte of Mary Worsley was this day distributed to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

xxv poore widowes in St. Giles' parishe . xxv*s.*
xxv poore widowes in St. Lawrence parishe . xxv*s.*
and ten poore widowes in St. Mary parishe . x*s.*

[p. 182.] Die Lune, 25° die Aprilis, 1642, 18°[2] regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Harrison, justice.

[2] '17 Car.', *on pp.* 182 *and* 184.

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At this day the Overseers for the poore of the 3 severall parishes within the Boroughe brought in their severall accomptes for the yeare nowe ended, all which accomptes are upon the file, and doe appeare in the booke kept onely for that purpose, 1641.

And at this daye the said Maiour receaved warrant from his Majestie's Commissioners for the warninge and sumoninge of 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 or 2 of the most substanciall and discreet inhabitantes of every parishe within this Boroughe, to be and appeare before the said Comissioners at the Towne Hall in Readinge uppon the last daye of this Aprill, to be then and there nomynated Asseasours for the taxeinge and assessinge of the moyetye of the summe of 350*li.* imposed uppon the said Boroughe for assureing [?] the said 5628*li.* 14*s.* and 2*d.* imposed to be leavyed uppon the said Countye of Berkes, as by the said precept appeareth.

By vertue of whiche warrant, the said Maiour caused to be warned to appeare before the said Comissioners to be asseasours for the taxeinge and assessinge the said moietye of the said some of 350*li.* as followeth :

In St. Lawrence parishe ; Asseassours. Mr. John Dewell, absent, Mr. Richard Burren, David Elkes, Symon Dye, . . Richard Hollowaye . . . In St. Marye parishe ; Asseassours. Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Richard Jayes, . John Mylles . . . . In St. Giles' parishe ; Asseassours. Mr. Thomas Turnor, Richard Stampe, . Richard Horsington, Willyam Densill, . Willyam Oades . . .	of the moiety or half parte of 350*li.* imposed to [be] laid and raised at this tyme uppon th'inhabitantes of this Boroughe, whiche is 175*li.*

[p. 183.] 5° Maii, 1642.

At this daie the Lawe-daie for this Boroughe was holden before

Mr. Peter Burningham *, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynwaringe *, Esq., Seneschall.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Edward Baker.

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Nomina Juratorum.

Ricardus Holloway, jurat' primus.

Willelmus White	Affirers, jurati.	Richard Stevenson	jurati.
Ricardus George		William Bishopp	
Laurence Creed		John Wilder	
Moises Willis		Thomas Froome	
Edward Witton		Mathew Lewingdon	
Thomas Cope		Bartholmewe Lake	
Peter Horne		Edward Stanton	
Francis Knight		William Markham	

The verdict appointed to be taken on the last of August next.

[p. 184.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, iij° die Junii, 1642, et xvij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe *, Seneschall. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brakston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Assistants.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham and Mr. George Wooldridge shall stand Chamberlaines untill Michaelmas next, but shall geve their accomptes a moneth before.

Wensdaye, 8° Junii, 1642.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Scenescallus, Mr. Thomas Turnor *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

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[p. 185.] Wensdaye, the 22th day of June, 1642, annoque 18 regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Itt being informed that the Assizes for this Countie of Berkes shalbe holden here in Readinge on Thursdaye, the 14th daye of July next, att this day it was agreed that towardes their entertainement, itt shalbe as followeth, videlicet, the Judge's lodginge at Mr. Thomas Turnour's house, and that allowance to be made as was the last Assizes, videlicet, 3 barrells of beere.

Agreed alsoe that the Quarter Sessions for the Boroughe of Readinge shalbe holden on Mundaye, the xjth day of July next, and therefore warrantes must forthwith be made to warne the alehouskeepers, &c.

At whiche daye and tyme, videlicet, Mondaye, xj° Julii, 1642, the generall Sessions of the Peace for the Boroughe were holden in the Guildhall there, as by the booke kept for the Sessions appeareth.

12° Julii, 1642. Coram Petro Burningham, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

At this daye William Horne, junior, did take oath to doe the office of one of the Wardens of Newe Ward within this Boroughe, &c.

[p. 186.] Wensdaye, 20° die Julii, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xviij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Agreed that 80*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's rentes shalbe lent to a young clothier upon good securitie in pursuance of the decree.

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Wensdaye, the third day of August, 1642.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior.* Thomas Maynewaringe, armiger, Seneschall. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

At this daye, in the absence of the Maiour, there were 4 or 5 causes dependinge in Court, tryed and heard before the deputye Maiour, Steward and Aldermen, and by learned Counsell on both sides, with the assistance of th'Attornyes of the Court, had verdictes in legall manner as by the Court bookes appeareth, &c.

Wensdaye, 10° Augusti, 1642.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

At this daye order was taken for and concerning the keepinge of a bastard child named Samuel, late borne on the body of Elizabeth Wheeler, spinster; vide le3 file.

[p. 187.] Munday, the 15th day of August, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynewaringe, armiger, Willyam Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

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Agreed and freely consented unto by all of the Company here present, that each man respectively, accordinge to their severall estates, wilbe readye upon request both by counsell and purse to assist and pay towardes the charges which shall arise in the Towne aboute the setting upp the postes and chaynes and other such like charges for the towne in theis tymes for the defence of the Towne.

[p. 188.] Wensdaye, 17° Augusti, 1642, et 18° anno regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Steward; Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

[No business recorded for this day.]

Wensdaye, 24° Augusti, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xviij°.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Agreed that Caversham Bridge shalbe viewed and soe much thereof shalbe amended and repayred as is needfull.

[p. 189.] Eleccion daye, die Lune, 29° die Augusti, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xviij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe, Esq., Willyam Brackston, Edward Ham-

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blen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *.

At this day the said Mayour and Aldermen by direccions of their Charter did name three of the said Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this day in their Towne Hall, to the intent and purpose, that one of those three, soe named by the said Mayor, residue of the said Aldermen and Assistantes present this day, shalbe elected to be Mayor of this Boroughe, in and for the next yeare, as in and by their said Charter it is required.

1. Mr. Thomas Thackham IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [22].
2. Mr. George Woldridge.
3. Mr. Edward Baker.

And at this day alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did name and apoynte two of the said Assistantes to be Chamberlaynes of this Boroughe for the next yeare as the Charter requireth, videlicet,

1. Mr. William Brackston } Chamberlaynes.
2. Mr. Edward Hamblen }

Suitours for 80*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's money,

Roger Stevens IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [22].
John Cule.

Roger Stevens, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Christofer Blower, . Abraham Watlington . } All theis to be bounde for this 80*li.*, and he is to have it for the tyme apointed in the Decree.

[p. 190.] Fridaye, the second day of September, 1642, annoque 18 regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, *elect;* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

At this day, consideracion being had of the greate dainger that this Towne and the inhabitantes thereof are in by reason of the Cavillers abroad, itt is therefore ordered and agreed for the better prevencion of thear sudden comminge and for the safety

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of the same towne that forthwith a monethes taxe shalbe made and levyed, accordinge to the severall collection bookes, to raise monyes to beare the charges of men and horse in this Towne, to ride out dailye as a scout to informe the Towne of such dainger, as they may learne and understand, &c.

Theis collectours are appointed and requested to gather the taxe,

In St. Lawrence parishe, Richard Hollowaye, Abraham Watlington.

In St. Mary parishe, George Thorne, jun., Willyam Milles.

In St. Giles' parishe, James Arnold, Richard Hunt.

Wensdaye, 7° Septembris, 1642.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, *elect;* Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenînges, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

At this daye Robert Skeate beinge convented to paye his amerciament imposed uppon him for washinge seiged cloth in the Hallowed Brooke, whiche he acknowleged was a fault, and promised he would not hencefourth washe any more suche cloth in that brooke, for he did see and knowe it was not fitt to doe it in that brooke. (Was pardoned and freed of his amerciament.)

8° die Septembris, 1642, beinge Thursdaye. Coram Petro Burningham, generoso, *Majore*, etc.

Richard Deane brought two men whiche he had taken neere Marlowe, by vertue of a warrant to him directed and made from the Parlyament, supposinge them to be Popishe preistes or semynaries, and required the said Maiour to tender to them the Oathes of Supremacye and Alleageance accordinge to the statute. The whiche was done severallye, and the one of them denyed to take the said Oathes, and the said Richard Deane by vertue of his owne authoritye made and then comitted him to Willyam Stanton, the gaoler, and the other did then willinglye and freelye take both the said Oathes, and soe was discharged. Vide leʒ file.

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[p. 191.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 23° Septembris, 1642, et xviij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, *elect;* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison *, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker *.

Assistantes.

Thomas Manwaringe *, Esq., William Brackston *, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnor *, George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

At this daye the said Maior receaved warrant from the Commissioners for the warninge of sixe of the most substanciall men of every parishe within the said Boroughe, personally to be and appeare before the saide Commissioners at the Towne Hall in Readinge on Saturdaye the last daye of September next ensueinge by nyne of the clocke in the morninge, then and there to receive instruccions from the said Comissioners for the taxeing and assessinge of the last moyetye of suche money as is charged uppon this Boroughe to be paid as in and by the statute in that behaulf made and provided it is required.

Assessours in St. Lawrence parishe. Mr. John Dewell, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, David Elkes.

Assessours in St. Mary parishe. Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Richard Jeyes, John Mylles.

Assessours in St. Giles' parishe. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Richard Stampe, Richard Horsingdon, William Dinsell, Robert Tirroll, William Oades.

At this day Thomas Hone, a blacksmith, (being a forreyner) exhibited a peticion to be admytted a freeman, which was denyed unto him.

Alsoe at this day William Stanton exhibited a peticion to renew his lease, and Mr. Edward Hamlen and Mr. Christofer Blower are

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apoynted to view the howse, and then upon their informacion William Stanton shalbe answered.

Samuell Millett, a maulster, being a forreyner, was forbidden any further to use the mistery of maultinge in the Boroughe.

[Remark, *in margin.*] Alsoe at this day Christofer Kenton exhibited a peticion to renew his lease, and was answered, that when the howse and waterworkes are sufficiently repayred, then his peticion shalbe taken in consideracion.

When Mr. Mayour elect taketh his oath on Munday next seven night, then the Companye will resolve what monyes they will send to the Parliament.

Agreed that John Wheeler, sonne of Richard Wheeler, shalbe bound apprentice to John Underwood, clothier, and that John Underwood shall have 5*li.* of Mr. Martin's money, he giving securitie to repay it—x*s.* per annum.

Robert Fernam, clothier, his suretye.

[p. 192.] Satterdaye, the first day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Memorandum, itt was then agreed at Mr. Mayour's howse, that Mr. Thomas Turnour should bee paid the v*li.* charges he was putt unto for proclaming the Kinge's proclamacion out of the xv*li.* his sonne William Turnour did owe on his bond into Mr. John Kendricke's moneyes, and that the said William Turnour payeing in the other v*li.* should have his bond delyvered uppe. Present, Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maior*, Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston.

[p. 193.] Mondaye, the 3d daye of October, 1642, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xviij°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Maiour.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, *elect;* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Thomas Harrison, justices; Mr. Robert Malthus *, Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker.

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Assistantes.

Thomas Maynwaringe, Esq., William Brackston, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dye, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

At this daye and tyme Mr. Thomas Thackham, the newe elected Maior, by direccions of the Chartre in the presence of his last predecessor Maiour and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes there beinge, did take his corporall oath, vizt.,

1. The Oath of Supremacye.
2. The Oath of Maiour and Justice of Peace and quorum, of and in this Boroughe and the libertyes thereof.
3. The Oath to doe the office of the Clarke of the Markett within this Boroughe, duringe the tyme of his Maioraltye there.

And then Mr. Peter Burningham, the late Maiour, did take oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Boroughe duringe one wholle yeare next comminge, &c.

And at this day the said Mayour, by and with the consent of the Aldermen, his brethren, did name and apointe Mr. Willyam Brackston and Mr. Edward Hamblen to doe the office of Chamberlaines of this Borough for this yeare, and they did take their oathes to execute the same accordinglye.

And at this day alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Boroughe for this yeare, videlicet,

Henry Frewin Christofer Goade	Constables, jurati.
Clement Marlow Jeffrey Ward	gardiani Alte warde, jurati.
Vincent Goddard William Curtis	gardiani Minster ward.
Robertus Smart Edward Howse	gardiani Old ward, jurati.
Robert Kent Rogerus Sherfeild	gardiani Newe ward, jurati.
Steven Attwater Richard Greenway	gardiani London ward, jurati.

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[p. 194.] Wensdaye, the 5th day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Thomas Maynwaring, Esq., Seneschall; Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Robert Maulthus [3], Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

Agreed that watches and ward both day and night shalbe contynued untill All Saintes day next.

Agreed that Mr. Robert Maulthus, accordinge to his desire, in regard of his age, shall henceforth, by and with a generall consent, . . . stand discharged for being any longer an Alderman.

At this day Mr. William Brackston, one of the Assistantes, was chosen one of the Aldermen, in the roome and steed of the said Mr. Robert Maulthus, and then the said William Brackston did then take his oath to doe the office accordinglye.

Att this day alsoe William Willmer, jun., was chosen an Assistant to this Company, in the place of Mr. William Brackston, whoe is nowe preferred to be an Alderman.

Ordered that henceforth the Aldermen shall at all tymes to Church and Hall were their gownes, and in defaulte thereof, each man to forfeit and pay iij*s*. iiij*d*. a-peice.

Fridaye, the vijth day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *.

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Att this day the 100*li.* of Mr. Richard Ironseed was againe lent for 4 yeares to 4 tradesmen of the Towne, accordinge to his will, videlicet,

To William Whitton and Henry Stone, clothiers, xxv*li.* a-peice.

To Robert Jaques, a butcher, xxv*li.*, and Edward Stanton, a shoomaker, xxv*li.*

Att this day alsoe the conveyance and letters to the Towne from the Lord Archbishoppe of Canterbury were read, to informe the Mayour and Aldermen concerninge the chosing of the 6 maides which are to have the 120*li.* of his guift for their preferment in marriage. And then the visitours were expected.

[p. 195.] Munday, the 10th day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Assistantes.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower *, William Turnor *, George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe *, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, Willyam Willmer, jun.

Agreed that 18 housholders shall watch every night, or a sufficient man[4] for every housholder, and twelve warders for every day.

At this day and tyme Willyam Willmer, jun., being formerly elected to be an Assistant of this Boroughe, did take his oath to doe the office accordinglye.

Monday, the 17th of October, 1642, and 18° Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Maiour.* Thomas Maynwaringe, Esq., Steward, Mr. Thomas Turnor *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Chris-

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tofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

At this day the Court-leet, or Lawday, was holden in and for the said Borough.

Nomina Juratorum.

Johannes Harrison, jurator primus	jurati.	Francis Knight	jurati.
William Bartlett		John Webb	
William Gandye		Timothie Banister	
William Wylder		John Redford	
John Backhouse		Robert Creed	
Robert Wheeler		Richard Hunt	
Thomas Ward		Edward Burren	
William Hall		Johannes Johnson	
Thomas Wylder		Richard Edmondes	
		Samuell Johnson	

John Harrison, William Candye, Samuell Johnson . . , William Wylder . . } assignati Afferrers et jurati The verdict on the vijth day of March next.

[p. 196.] William Fellowes, Mathew Turnore } scrutatores piscium [5].

Hugo Grantham, Benjamin Sidbury, John Asten } scrutatores et sigillatores corei, et jurati.

Thomas West, Henry Creed } scrutatores carnis, jurati.

William Petter, John Jerome } supervisores platearum et porcorum, jurati.

William Price, William Griffin } gustatores cervisie.

[*blank*], [*blank*] } scrutatores pannorum et bound' per recognitionem.

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[5] piscar', MS.

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Tuesdaye, the xxvth day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

Att this day a letter from the Lord Archbishopp of Canterbury was now read, desiring therein a safe messenger to be sent to receive the money for this yeare past. And it was presently ordered that Mr. Thomas Harrison should goe and take order for the same and should carry an acquittance under the Towne seale.

[p. 197.] Munday, the last day of October, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

Thomas Maynewaringe *, Esq., Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison, William Willmer, jun.

Att this day a letter from the Lord Archbishopp of Canterbury was now read, directinge therein the way for the disposinge of the money to the maides, and to Dr. Floyde, &c.

And alsoe a resolucion under his hand to some queres.

Complaynt being made that Mr. Mathew Paine and Mr. Griffin Ferriman, and others are now carryeinge awaye wheate, and other corne out of the Towne, itt was therefore presently ordered that the wheate and maslyn and rye shalbe stayed for the present use and releife of the Towne, but shall have libertie to carry away their barley.

Agreed that a taxe shalbe made for raisinge of moneys to pay and beare the charges of the laborers, diggers and scowters, and such like charges.

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Thursdaye, the 3d day of November, 1642.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

This day Serjeant Major Oneale presented proposicions to the Maiour and Aldermen in the behalf of the Towne, which appeare upon the fyle.

And thereupon Richard Stampe, John Harrison, William Dinsell } apointed to answere the first proposicion, about the clothes.

Mr. Isaake Orry and Henry Rogers for subscribing to the Parliament the names of those.

Christofer Blower, William White, Fardinando Clarke, for armes to be brought in.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, Symon Dee, Robert Creed, for beere, bread, cheese, and barge.

Satturdaye, the 5° November, 1642. Coram Thoma Thackham, *Majore*, et Richardo Burren, generoso.

Edward Johnson, Fardinando Clerke } tooke their othes to execute the office of Constables, within the Boroughe.

George Hone, William Paine, Thomas Symons } tooke their oathes to execute the offices of Wardens.

[p. 198.] Wensdaye, 9° Novembris, 1642, et 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Seneschall; Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Tnrnour *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthonye Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Then consultacions were had aboute the execucion of the Kinge's warrantes, and dispatch of other his Majestie's busynes.

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Mundaye, the xiiijth day of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Manwaringe, Seneschall; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day five severall warrantes were signed and sent by Mr. Mayor and the rest of them whoe are authorized, for cartes and teames to theise Highe Constables' hundredes, videlicet, Theale hundred, Readinge hundred, Sonninge hundred, Charleton hundred, and Mourton hundred.

Wenesdaye, 16th of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Maynewaringe, Seneschall; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woolldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

[p. 199.] Thursdaye, the 17 day of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Assistantes.

Mr. Thomas Manwaringe *, armiger, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower *, William Turnor *, George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison, William Willmer *, jun.

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Att this day a rate and taxe (for the raising of monyes to pay those greate charges which are now layed upon the Borough concerning cloth, apparrell, victualls and other thinges for his Majestie's armye) was made, agreed upon and assessed upon the severall inhabitantes of each parishe within the said Boroughe as by the particular bills of the same delyvered to Mr. John Dewell, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston, and others whoe are appoynted collectours thereof, doth plainely appeare.

And it was alsoe agreed that this taxe should forthwith be collected.

Satterdaye, the xixth day of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor, justice; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. William Brackston.

Assistantes.

Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

Att this day there was taken out of the greate chest, beinge part of Mr. John Kendricke's moneys, three severall bagges with theise severall somes of money in them, videlicet,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
In one bagg . . .	63	00	4
In another	18	19	0
In th'other	25	05	0
In all . . .	107	04	4

Whiche 107*li.* 04*s.* 4*d.* was presently carryed by Ralphe Coxhead to Mr. Richard Burren's howse and by him then received.

per E. W.

[p. 200.] Tuesdaye, the xxijth day of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Maynwaringe Seneschall; Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John

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Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day Mr. Richard Fortescue (for sundry causes seeming meete to the said Mayour and Aldermen) is discharged from his place of being an Attorney in the Court of Readinge. And another Attorney to supplye the said Richard Fortescue's roome is apointed to be chosen by voices out of theise two, videlicet,

Mr. Francis Seikes.

Mr. Henry Bradley IIIIIIII [8].

And the said Mr. Henry Bradley being chosen, did then take his oath to execute the office of an Attorney in the said Court accordinglye. per E. W.

Monday, the 28th day of November, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day a warrant under the hand and seale of John Clarke, High Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, directed to the said Mayour, was read, thereby requiring to assesse within the Boroughe 102*li.*, and 4*s.* towardes the provision of horsemeate for his Majestie's armye, and to pay in the same unto Richard Powney on Friday next, &c.

And thereupon itt is ordered and agreed that [*blank*] taxe shalbe forthwith made and collected accordinge to the severall collection bookes of each parishe in the Borough.

[p. 201.] Wensdaye, the xxxth day of November, anno Domini 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli, &c.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

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Att this day itt was ordered and agreed, that for St. Lawrence parishe, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Jenninges and John Castell, and for St. Mary and St. Giles' parishes, Mr. Thomas Harrison and Mr. William Brackston shall respectively, with all possible speed, collect and gather the taxe formerly made and agreed upon the 17th day of this instant November.

Alsoe it was agreed that Mr. Mayor and some other of the Aldermen shall attend Sir Arthur Ashton, the governour, with all convenyent speed, the better to informe themselves what course shalbe taken aboute the raisinge of the five hundred poundes a weeke, which is now required from the Towne by his Majestie for a moneth, &c.

Mundaye, the 5th day of December, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor* [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Towardes the payment of the 500*li.* a weeke for a moneth, which the Kinge's Majestie requireth by way of loane from this Boroughe, att this day a taxe (after the proporcion of 15*s.* a weeke for every peny by the weeke which each person of the three severall parishes for his personall estate or landes within the said Borough doth pay, accordinge to the severall collection bookes) was agreed upon, assessed and made, and alsoe apointed with all possible speed to be collected by theis men in each parishe respectively, videlicet,

Mr. George Thorne .	In St. Mary parishe.
Mr. William Brackston .	
David Elkes .	In St. Lawrence parishe.
Samuell Johnson .	
Mr. Richard Stampe .	In St. Giles' parishe.
William Dinsell .	

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[p. 202.] Wensdaye, the seventh day of December, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston *.

Agreed that fortnighte's taxe, according to the severall collection bookes, shalbe made and collected presently upon the inhabitantes of the Towne for provision of wood or coale, for mainetenance of fire for the severall Courtes of Guard kept within the Boroughe.

Thomas Crosse, senior . Thomas Seikes . . Robert Westmorland .	apointed Collectours for St. Giles' parishe.
John Webb, Peter Horne . Thomas Cope, Francis Knight	apointed Collectours for St. Lawrence parishe.
John Cule, Mathew Lewingdon John Elkins . .	apointed Collectours for St. Mary parishe.

Wensdaye, the 14th day of December, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham *, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, *deputy-Mayour*, Mr. Peter Burningham *, justice, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Richard Burren *, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Christopher Blower, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

Agreed that eight men every day, whereof 4 men in the morninge, and 4 men in the afternoone, shalbe warned by the Constables to attend the severall Centenells for the quiett passage of such townesmen and countrymen, as passe and come to the markett accordinge to the Gove[r]nor's commands. Fardinando Clarke, the constable, is apoynted to looke to this.

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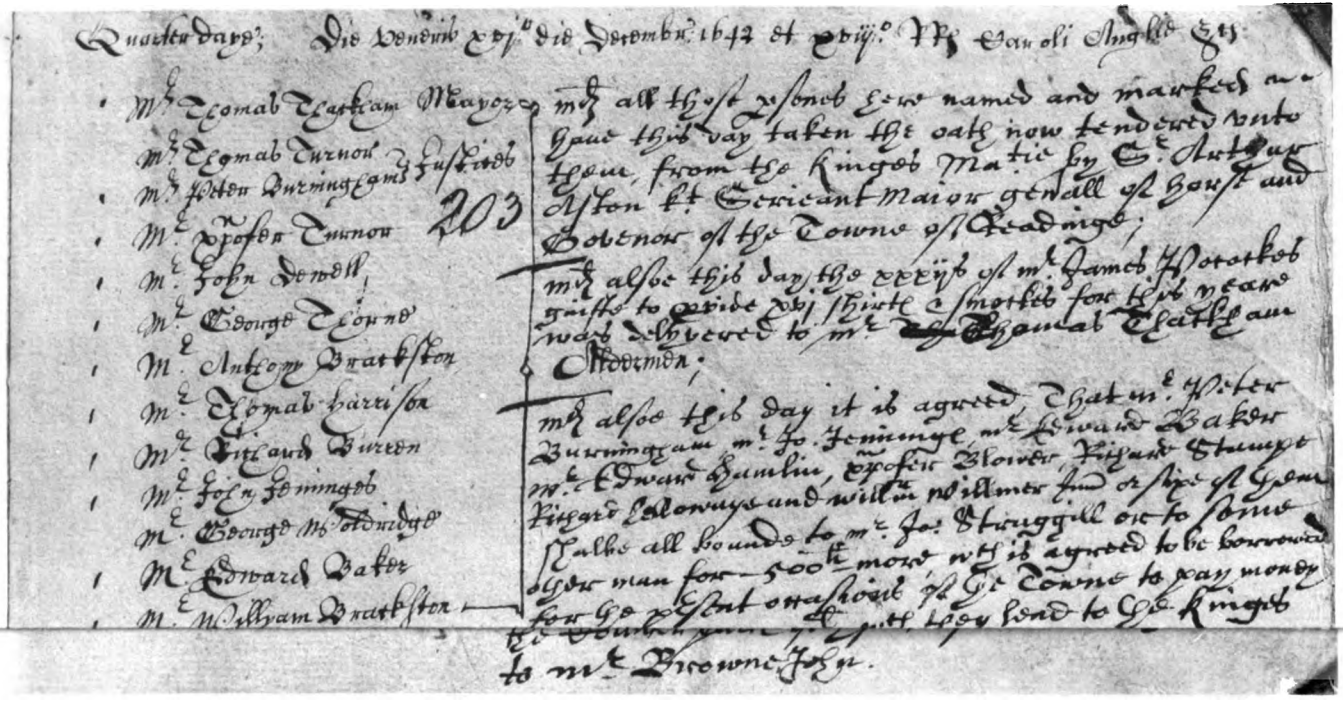

Quarter days; Die Veneris xxj.° die Decembris 1642 et xviij.° Car. Regis Angliæ &c.

Mr Thomas Cartham Mayor
Mr Thomas Turner Justices
Mr Peter Burningham
Mr Robert Turner
Mr John Dendell
Mr Edward Corne
Mr Anthony Bratston
Mr Thomas Harrison
Mr Richard Bureen
Mr John Jennings
Mr George Mildridge
Mr Edward Baker
Mr William Bratston

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Mr all those persons here named and marked are have this day taken the oath now tendered unto them, from the Kings Matie by Mr Arthur Aston Kt Serjeant Maior generall of Horse and Gouernor of the Towne of Reading;

Mr also this day the veiny of Mr James Horetons waiste to wride his shirte smocke for the weare was delivered to Mr Thomas Cartham Moderator;

Mr also this day it is agreed that Mr Peter Burningham Mr Jo. Jennings Mr Edward Baker Mr Edward Hamlin, Robert Blower, Richard Stumpe Richard Calloways and William Williams find or sipe of Gram Calles all bounds to Mr Jo. Struggill or to some other man for 500li more wch is agreed to be borrowed for the present occasions of the Towne to pay money to the Kings to Mr Browne John.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. John Dewell, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Symon Dye, and Mr. William Brackston, shalbe all bound to Mr. John Struggell for 500*li.*, which is apoynted to be borrowed of him for the present occasions of the whole Towne to pay money towardes the mainetenance of the Kinge's armye.

And for their securitie, it is agreed that they shall have conveyed unto them as Counsell shall advise, the tolle of the markett, Pottman-Brooke's last rent, Symon Dye's lease and rent, and William Brackston's lease and rent.

[p. 203.] Quarter daye, die Veneris, xvj° die Decembris, 1642, et xviij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jeninges, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Mainewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Simon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye *, John Harrison, Willyam Wylmer, jun.

William Willmer, senior .	Towne Clarke.
Edward Willmer, senior .	
Francis Thackham .	Serjeantes.
Ralphe Coxhead . .	
Thomas Skynner . .	

Memorandum, all those persones here named and marked, have this day taken the oath now tendered unto them from the Kinge's Majestie by Sir Arthur Aston, knight, Serjeant-Maior-Generall of Horse, and Govenor of the Towne of Readinge.

Memorandum, alsoe this day the xxxij*s.* of Mr. James Pococke's guifte to provide xvj shirtes and smockes for this yeare was delyvered to Mr. Thomas Thackham.

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Memorandum, alsoe this day it is agreed, that Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Edward Hamlin, Christofer Blower, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye and William Willmer, jun., or sixe of them, shalbe all bounde to Mr. John Struggill, or to some other man, for 500*li.* more, which is agreed to be borrowed for the present occasions of the Towne to pay money towardes the 2000*li.*, which they lend to the Kinge's Majestie.

And alsoe it is agreed, that they whoe are bound shall have conveyed unto them, as Counsell shall advise, for their securitie and discharge, the Ortes, Brownes hill, and the Woolhall.

Then alsoe the iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guifte to x poore men of this Towne, 8*s.* a-peice, was distributed, videlicet:

To 4 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 3 in St. Mary parishe.
To 3 in St. Giles' parishe.

Then alsoe agreed that one monethe's taxe more shalbe made and forthwith collected to provide wood or cole for fire for the severall courtes of guard within the Towne.

And the former Collectours to stand, onely addinge one more in each parishe, videlicet, Robert Westmorland, Peter Horne, Francis Knight, and John Elkins.

Then alsoe agreed that this daye sevennight, Mr. Thomas Thackham shall give in his accompt of the Hall revenues.

Then alsoe agreed that Mr. Richard Brownejohn shall with all convenient speed make the securitie of the tolle of the Markett, Pottman Brooke's groundes, Mr. William Brackston's howse, and Mr. Symon Dee's howse, to Mr. John Dewell and the rest that are bounde for the first 500*li.*

And alsoe that Edward Willmer shall looke out the counterpartes of those leases and delyver them to Mr. Brownejohn.

Memorandum, there is delyvered to Mr. Richard Brownejohn tenn leases; videlicet, Mr. Carleton's, Mr. William Brackston's, Mr. Symon Dee's, Mr. Thomas Turnour's, Mr. William Maulthus' two, Mr. John Blake's, Mr. Walter Bateman's, the Wolhall, and Brownes hill. Alsoe there is delyvered unto him the Decree in th'Exchequer for the tolle of the Markett, with the pleadinges to the *quo warranto* in the Exchequer.

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[p. 204.] Wensdaye, the xxjth day of December, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day itt was agreed that returnes of the names of those men in each parishe which doe refuse to pay their severall taxes, shalbe made and returned to Sir Arthur Aston, knight, Govenor of the Towne.

Friday, the xxiij^th^ day of December, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Thomas Mainewaring *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turner, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison, William Willmer, jun.

Then the x wascoates of Mr. Willyam Iremonger's guifte were distributed to

3 in St. Lawrence parishe.
4 in St. Mary parishe.
3 in St. Giles' parishe.

Then alsoe Mr. Mayour divided and gave in money for this tyme the xxxij*s.* of Mr. James Pococke's guifte, in this manner, videlicet,

8*s.* to St. Lawrence parishe.
6*s.* to St. Mary parishe.
6*s.* to St. Giles' parishe.
12*s.* to Frilsham or Yattendon, which xij*s.* is at this present in Mr. Mayour's hands.

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Then alsoe Mr. Mayor with the full consent of the Company did seale two severall leases of summe parte of the Hall landes, tenementes, rentes, revenues and proffettes for the securities of those xijmen which are bound for that one thowsand poundes which is borrowed for the present occasions of the Towne.

Memorandum, that Mr. John Dewell hath one of the leases in his keepinge, in the behalfe of himselfe and the other five men which are bound with him.

Alsoe that Mr. Peter Burningham hath the other lease in his keeping, in the behalfe of himselfe and the other five men which are bound with him.

Then alsoe it was agreed that the names of some men in each parishe which refuse to pay their taxes, shalbe returned to the Govenor.

Memorandum, alsoe that Mr. Richard Brownejohn did this day bring in agayne the x leases, the decree and the pleadinges, which were delyvered to him the last weeke, and they were all presently layed into the presse.

Then alsoe it was agreed, that Arthur Liford should holde the tolle of the markett noe longer, and that it should be lett to some other man, whoe will give securitie for payment of his rent, &c.

[p. 205.] Memorandum, alsoe that at this day the Hall accomptes for the yeare Mr. Peter Burningham was Mayor, videlicet, from the Mundaye next after Michellmas day, 1641, untill Mundaye next after Michellmas day, 1642, were made and given upp before the said Mayour, Aldermen and Assistantes, by Mr. Thomas Thackham, the senior Chamberlaine, yett now Mayor, whoe had the charge thereof for that yeare, videlicet:

The charge. Receiptes.	*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
Rentes certaine	245	14	07
Quittrentes	000	13	00
Encroachmentes . . .	000	11	10
Arrerages of rentes, quittrentes and encroachmentes	013	04	00
Readie money at the last accomptes .	045	09	07
Casuall receiptes . . .	003	04	00
Summ total	308	17	00

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The discharge.	li.	s.	d.
The certaine paymentes upon the rentrolle .	157	17	8
Casuall paymentes . . .	314	9	4
Arrerages of rentes, quitrentes and encroachmentes	090	13	1
	563	0	1
Soe att this accompt the Hall is indebted .	254	3	1

	li.	s.	d.
Memorandum, Mr. Thomas Thackham hath in his handes towardes Arthur Lyforde's arrearges, in plate . . .	20	0	0
And hee acknowledged the receipt of these monyes, viz. of Mr. Thomas Harrison .	60	0	0
Of Mr. Richard Burren . . .	20	0	0
And in stocke upon Mr. John Kendricke's accompt	126	15	3

[p. 206.] The accompt alsoe of Mr. Thomas Thackham for Mr. John Kendricke's rentes in his charge from Michaelmas, 1641, to Michaelmas, 1642.

The charge in all upon the rent-roll . 236*li.* 4*s.* 2*d.*

The discharge.	li.	s.	d.
First paid on the rent-rolle . .	009	0	0
Item casuall paymentes . . .	002	8	11
Item now in Mr. Thomas Thackham's handes	126	15	3
Item in arrerages . . .	098	00	0
	236	04	2

Soe att this accompt of Mr. John Kendricke's money there is in stocke in Mr. Thomas Thackham's handes . 126 15 3

Mundaye, the 2d day of January, 1642, 18o regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr.

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Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower *, William Turnor, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer, jun.

At this day it was agreed that the towne shall joyne with the countie in a peticion aswell to the King as to both Howses of Parliament for an accommodacion.

Alsoe it was agreed that another monethe's taxe shalbe made for St. Mary and St. Lawrence parishes, and three monethes' taxe more for St. Giles' parishe for mainetenance of fire for the severall courtes of guard within the Towne.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Mayor shall to-morrow make upp the 2000*li.* and pay it to the Govenor, and deliver all the former noates, and take one receipte under the Govenour's hand for the whole.

Towardes the making upp of the 2000*li.*,

Mr. John Jenninges lent . . .	28*li.*
Richard Stampe lent . . .	25*li.*
Thomas Dewell lent . . .	25*li.*

Alsoe it was agreed that if theis monyes nowe lent are not repaid unto the parties within one moneth next comming, that then they shalbe sufficiently secured for the same out of the Hall landes.

Memorandum, Mr. Peter Burningham paid in the 22*li.* to Mr. Mayour which he had in his handes to pay the fee-farme rent due to the King from the Towne at Michaellmas last.

[p. 207.] Wednesdaye, the 4th of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor* [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

Att this day itt was againe agreed that the names of some men in each parishe which doe refuse to pay their taxes to his Majestie's

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use, shalbe returned to the Govenor, that course may be taken to make them pay. The names appeare on the fyle.

Fridaye, the vjth day of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston *.

Sir Thomas Maynewaring *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer *, jun.

Whereas Sir Arthur Aston, knight, Serjeant-Major-Generall of Horse, and Govenor of the Towne of Reading, did in the Kinge's Majestie's name desire of the Mayour, Aldermen, and other inhabitantes of the said Towne, to undertake the loane of 2000*li.* more to his Majestie.

Now at this day it is agreed at Mr. Mayour's howse, that a peticion in the behalfe of the Towne shalbe forthwith made and presented to his Majestie, prayeing thereby to be herein excused, for that they are altogether unable, by reason of their greate paymentes, burthenes and losses, which they have already and doe daily undergoe, since the first advancement of his Majestie's armie to the Towne, &c. Which peticion, with his Majestie's answer thereupon endorsed, is upon the fyle of this yeare's busynes.

[p. 208.] Munday, the 9th day of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Arthur Aston, knight, the Govenor, then present.

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Att this day the busynes betwixt Mr. Henry Bradley and Mr. Francis Seakes was in question, and their allegacions and proofes on each parte were att lardge heard, before the said Govenor and the said Mayour and Aldermen then present, as appeareth on the fyle. But after some direccions the Govenor left the matter to be considered of by the Mayour and Aldermen.

Att this day it was agreed that Mr. William Brackston shall pay xxx*s.* to the carpenters, for their worke done and stuffe in repayringe Caversham bridge, whereof x*li.* this weeke and the rest at Lady-day next. But at the last payment he is to abate them three poundes and xxij*s.* vj*d.* for tymber, &c.

Att this day I layed into the boxe where the bondes are, fower other bondes, vizt. Browne's, Joseph Bennette's and James' and Elkins'.

Wednesdaye, the xj^th^ day of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day Mr. Richard Brownejohn delyvered to the Mayor and Aldermen present this message from the Govenor, videlicet, that the Govenor did desire the former order touching the electing and swearing Henry Bradley, an attorney in this court, to be vacated, and to respitt the admittance of any other attorney untill they heard further. And the said Mayour and Aldermen agreed to take further consideracion of this matter, and thereuppon itt was referred untill another tyme.

Alsoe at this day it was ordered that two monethes' taxe more shalbe made for St. Lawrence parishe and St. Mary parishe, according to the severall collection bookes, for mainetenance of fire for Courts of Guard in the said parishes.

Edward Burren
John Hatt
Peter Horne
} apointed Collectours for St. Lawrence parishe.

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Michaell Reading
Robert James } apoynted Collectours for St. Mary parishe.

Munday, the 16th day of January, 1642. Coram Thoma Thackham, generoso.

Stephen Harris, of St. Giles' parishe, then tooke his oath to execute the office of a Warden for the Old Ward within the Boroughe.

[p. 209.] Wednesdaye, the 18° of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Steward; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham*, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell*, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Whereas Sir Arthur Aston, knight, Govenor of the Towne of Reading, hath certifyed the said Mayour and Aldermen the Kinge's Majestie's pleasure and command that Mr. Henry Bradley should noe longer contynue an attorney in the court of Reading, but should presently be dismissed and discharged from being an attorney there, and that Mr. Francis Seikes should be elected and sworne an attorney in the roome of the said Henry Bradley. Now, therefore, in obedyence to his Majestie's command, the said Mayor and Aldermen, with a full consent, did this day dismisse and discharge the said Henry Bradley from being an attorney any longer in the said court, and the said Mayour and Aldermen voted it soe, by this number of voices, videlicet, IIIIIIIIII [10]. And immediatly after, the said Mayour and Aldermen, with a like full consent, did elect the said Francis Seikes to be an attorney in the said court in the roome of the said Henry Bradley, and the said Mayour and Aldermen voted it soe by this number of voices, videlicet, IIIIIIIIII [10]. And presently afterwardes the said Francis Seikes did take his oath to execute the office of an attorney in the said court accordinglye.

Memorandum, in consideracion of the premisses, the said Francis

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Seikes did promise, in case the said Henry Bradley should commence any suite against the said Mayour and Aldermen, or any of them, or against the said Francis Seikes, concerning this matter, that then he, the said Francis Seikes, att his owne proper costes and charges, would defend the same suite, and thereof would acquite and discharge, or sufficiently save harmelesse, the said Mayour and Aldermen and their successours.

Fr. Seakes.

Mundaye, the xxiij[th] day of January, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day the old quietus est for the fee-farme rent paid to the Kinge's Majestie from the Towne, 1641, was delivered to Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, whoe hath promised to pay the fee-farme rent for the Towne at Oxford, due at Michaelmas, 1642.

Att this day it was alsoe agreed that Sir Thomas Maynewaringe and Mr. Walter Knight should doe somethinge in Mr. Blagrave's suite at Oxford, and thereupon the counterparte of Mr. Daniell Blagrave's lease of Southcott house and landes was presently delyvered to Mr. Walter Knight.

1° die Februarii, 1642.

Att this day Mr. Walter Knight brought in againe Mr. Blagrave's lease of Southcott house and landes. And alsoe now brought in the old quietus est and acquittance for the fee-farme rent of this Towne, due at Michaelmas last, 1642.

Att this day Stephen Harris sworne to doe the office of a Warden for the Old Warde.

[p. 210.] Wednesdaye, the first day of February, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John

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Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day his Majestie's letter to the Mayour and Aldermen was openly read, his said Majesty thereby not onely approving of the choise of Francis Seakes to be one of the 4 Attornyes of this Towne, but alsoe expressly commandinge to settle and contynue him in the same place. By the command of the Govenor.

Mundaye, the 6 day of February, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower *, William Turnour, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye *, John Harrison *, William Willmer *, jun.

Att this day Sir Arthur Aston, knight, Govenor of this Towne commanded Mr. Mayour to warne all the clothiers in the Towne to come to the Hall, whereupon many of them did presently appeare, and then the said Govenor did declare his Majestie's good intentions to them and the Towne to be, that they should have free libertie to trade to London without the lett or hinderance of his Majestie, or any of his Majestie's armyes.

And alsoe the said Govenor did wishe the said clothiers now to procure their libertye from the Parliament to that purpose that they may have libertie to trade.

And alsoe the said Govenor did then openly read aswell the Parliamente's peticion, with their propositions of accommodation to his Majestie, as alsoe his Majestie's answere to the same peticion, together with his Majestie's propositions.

This day aboute seven of the clocke at night at Mr. Mayour's howse, theise Aldermen were present:—

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr.

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John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

And then, in obedience to his Majestie's command, and accordinge to the Govenour's direccion, such severall men as are sett downe in the noate delyvered by the said Govenor, were double taxed towardes the payment of the second 2000*li.* loaned to the Kinge's Majestie.

[p. 211.] Wednesday, the 8th day of February, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices ; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston *.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Turnour desired the Company to allow and pay to him the ten poundes' charges he was putt unto by reason that he caused the Kinge's proclamacion to be proclaymed in the markett place. And then with a full consent of the Aldermen present, itt was ordered and agreed that Mr. Thomas Turnor should be paid that ten poundes out of the xv*li.* which he and his sonne stand bound to pay into Mr. John Kendricke's reckoninge, and that upon payment of the other v*li.* their bond shalbe delyvered upp and cancelled.

Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Att this day a warrant directed to the Mayour from the High Shreiffe of the County of Berkes, touching the speedy raising and

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advance of the Berksheire Regiment for his Majestie's service and defence of this Countye was openly read, and then itt was agreed that Mr. Mayour should make a returne accordinge to the meaninge of the said warrant.

[p. 212.] Quarterdaye, the xxiiijth day of February, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer, jun.

Att this day the said Mayour, Aldermen and Assistantes did lett unto Thomas King, the tolle of the markett untill Midsomer next, the said Thomas King payeing weekely and every weeke for the same, twelve shillinges rent, and itt is agreed, in case the said Thomas King doe dislike, that then he shall be att libertie to leave the same at Lady-day next, or els hold itt untill Midsomer next, if he like the same.

Fridaye, the xth day of Marche, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Steward; Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnor, George Thorne *, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer, jun.

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Then delyvered to Sir Thomas Maynewaringe the counterparte of Mr. Carleton's lease of Potmans Brooke groundes, to advise what course shalbe taken to reenter those groundes for nonpayment of the rent.

Agreed that Edward Shippey shall with his cart and teame carry such wood as is daily to be carryed to Mr. Thomas Harrison's barne henceforth for mainetenance of fire at the guard there, at xviij*d.* the turne, which is to be paid him at every weeke's end.

Whereas the Govenor of this Towne, Sir Arthur Aston, knight, hath proffered to lend to this Company upon securitie 100*li.* for vj monethes to pay the carpenters, itt is agreed that his proffer shalbe accepted, and that Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Anthony Brackston, and Mr. Thomas Harrison shalbe bound for the same, and that they shalbe secured out of some of the Hall rentes and revenues.

Agreed alsoe that 500*li.* more shalbe borrowed of Mr. Thomas Harrison for 6 monethes upon interest, and that he shall have sufficient securitie for the same, out of some of the Hall mesuages, landes, tenementes, rentes and revenues, which are mencioned in a paper in Edward Willmer's custodye, and as yett unmortgaged, &c.

[p. 213.] Wednesdaye, the 15th day of March, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Steward; Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston.

George Thorne, jun., Symon Dee, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison.

Agreed that a peticion shalbe made to the Kinge's Majestie forthwith, to pray securitie for the 2000*li.* loaned to his said Majestie by the Towne.

Alsoe agreed that the securitie formerly agreed on shalbe nowe made to Mr. Thomas Harrison for 600*li.* to be borrowed of him for 6 monethes.

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Alsoe agreed that some more names of those which have not paid their taxes shalbe returned to the Govenour.

Alsoe agreed that a legall demand shalbe made of the rent due at Ladye-day next for Potman Brooke groundes, and if the rent be not paid, then a reentry shalbe made, and the groundes shalbe lett to some others that will take the same.

Munday, the xxth day of Marche, 1642, 18° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, William Turnour, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell *, Symon Dee, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer *, jun.

Att this day Mr. Anthony Brackston and Mr. John Jenninges informed the Company of the Kinge's answere to the peticion for securitie for the 4000*li.* loaned by the Towne to his Majestie. The which appears upon the fyle, under the foote of the peticion.

Alsoe agreed that a peticion shalbe sent to his Majestie to stay those goodes and cloth now in the Towne of the westerne men, untill they procure free trade for this Towne. Michaell Readinge is to carry the same and to have his charges borne.

Alsoe a letter to Sir Thomas Maynewaringe not onely to hasten a speedy answere of the same peticion, but alsoe to informe himselfe by Mr. Holman, his Majestie's Receiver, what thinges in theis partes may be had and granted for securitie of the said 4000*li.*

Alsoe this day Thomas King proffered to leave the tolle of the Markett, because he could not make xij*s.* a weeke of the same, but itt was then mutually agreed that he should have 2*s.* a wecke abated and soe hold it one moneth more at x*s.* a weeke, &c.

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[p. 214.] Goodfriday, the 31th day of Marche, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor *, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, William Willmer, jun.

The names of the three poore maidservantes which are elected to cast the lottes this day for the xx^tie^ nobles, videlicet,

1. For St. Lawrence parishe,	Elizabeth Paine	10.
2. For St. Mary parishe,	Katherine Ayres	10.
3. For St. Giles' parishe,	Elizabeth Staire	14.

Memorandum, this is the second yeare after the last fifth yeare for Southcott (if any be capable), but none came.

Memorandum, this day Tobie Marten, by the handes of Mr. Richard Burren, paid the x*li.* in a new leather purse according to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and itt was by the said Mayour, Aldermen and Assistantes paid and distributed as the will directeth, videlicet,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Elizabeth Staire, who this day did winn the lott and money in purse . .	6	13	4
To the Preacher this day . . .	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Mary Church to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Church to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	0
To the junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence .	0	03	4
To the Clarke and Sexton . . .	0	06	8
To the Clarke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
In all . .	10	0	0

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Alsoe fower poundes by meanes of the guifte of Mr. Willyam Brackston was this day distributed as his will directeth, videlicet,

	li.	s.	d.
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe .	01	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Mary parishe .	01	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe .	01	0	0
To 20 poore men xij*d.* a-peice . .	01	0	0
In all .	04	0	0

To 7 in St. Mary, 7 in St. Lawrence and 6 in St. Giles', xij*d.* a-peice.

Alsoe fower poundes by meanes of the guifte of Mr. William Legg was this day distributed as his will directeth; videlicet, to xxiiij^tie^ poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, videlicet,

	li.	s.	d.
To 8 in St. Mary parishe . . .	01	6	8
To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe . .	01	6	8
To 8 in St. Giles' parishe . . .	01	6	8
In all .	04	00	0

Alsoe three poundes, by meanes of the guifte of Mary Worsley, widowe, was this day distributed as her will directeth, videlicet, to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, videlicet,

	li.	s.	d.
To xxv in St. Giles' parishe . .	01	05	0
To xxv in St. Lawrence parishe . .	01	05	0
To x in St. Mary parishe . . .	00	10	0
In all .	03	00	0

[p. 215.] Quarterdaye, die Veneris, 26° die Maij, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham[6], *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Richard Burren, Mr. John Jenninges, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Edward Hamblen, Christofer Blower, Willyam Turnor, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Symon Dee[6], Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye[6], John Harrison, Willyam Willmer, jun.

[6] Only these three present.

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[p. 216.] Monday, 3° Julij, 1643, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xix°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham [7], *Maiour*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [7] [and] Mr. Peter Burningham [7], justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor [7], Mr. John Dewell, Mr. George Thorne [7], sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison [7], Mr. George Woolldridge, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Mainewaringe, knight, Edward Hamblen, Willyam Turnor, George Thorne, jun., Thomas Dewell, Simon Dee, Thomas Bateman, Richard Stampe, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison, William Wylmer [7], jun.

Att this daye Charles Crowther, clothworker, was apoynted to have one of Mr. Willyam Kendricke's almeshowses in the roome and place of Willyam Cooper, deceassed.

Alsoe att this day it was ordered and agreed that the watch within the Towne shalbe observed and kept accordinge to the statute.

[p. 217.] Wenesdaye, 5° Julij, 1643, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., xix°.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Att this daye Edward Hamlyn is chosen an Alderman in the first place.

George Thorne, jun., is chosen an Alderman in the second place.

Mr. William Tatnell is chosen an Assistant in 1 place.

Peter Thorne is chosen an Assistant in the second place.

Walter Fellowe is chosen an Assistant in the third place.

Willyam Gandye is chosen an Assistant in the fourth place.

Att this daye alsoe Nicholas Lamphyer is chosen a Serjeant att Mace.

[7] Only these present. * Marked as absent.

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Wednesdaye, 12 Julij, 1643, annoque 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. Willyam Brackston.

Att this day Nicholas Lamphier did take oath to execute the office of a Serjeant att Mace within this Boroughe.

Wednesdaye, the 19 of Julij, 1643, annoque 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison.

Att this day Agnes Jaques, widowe, was apoynted to have one of Mr. Barnard Harrison's almeshouses in the roome and place of Widowe Viner, deceassed.

Memorandum, delyvered to Mr. Mayour the rent-rolle for the yeare 1642, with his accompt which he promised to deliver in againe with one weeke next comminge.

[p. 218.] Wednesdaye, the xxvjth day of Julye, 1643, 19° anno[8] regni regis Caroli, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. Willyam Brackston *.

Att this day Thomas Clarke, a poore laborer, was apoynted to have one of John Alarder's Almeshouses in the roome and place of old Willyam Sidbury, now deceassed.

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Wednesdaye, the 2d day of August, 1643, 19° anno[9] regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham *, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee.

Att this day Mr. George Thorne, jun., one of the Assistantes, and chosen to be an Alderman, did take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordinglye.

Alsoe att this day Mr. Thomas Dewell, one of the Assistantes, was chosen an Alderman by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7].

And he being desired to take the oath of an Alderman[1], which was tendered to him, did refuse to take the same oath, and thereupon he was voted to pay twenty markes for a fyne.

And he, the said Mr. Thomas Dewell, being required to pay the said fyne, did utterly deny and refuse to pay the same, and thereupon was presently committed to the Counter, &c.

Alsoe att this day Mr. Symon Dee, one of the Assistantes, was chosen an Alderman by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7], and did then take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordingly.

Alsoe att this day Peter Thorne and Willyam Gandye respectively did take their oathes to execute the office of Assistantes.

Alsoe att this day itt was agreed that Mr. Mayour should take care of the tree which is now felled upon the Towne wast neere to Mr. Shorter's.

5° et 7° diebus Augusti, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Symon Dee.

Att this day at Mr. Mayour's howse a lettre was sent from Colonell Thomas Blagge for the money for fortifyeing of the Towne and Castle of Wallingford, &c.

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And thereupon it was agreed that Coley farme should be charged with xx*li.* and Battell farme with x*li.* and thirtye weekes' taxe upon the inhabitantes of the Towne, accordinge to the severall colleccion bookes, for the raising of the money.

[p. 219.] Wednesdaye, the 9th day of August, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker *, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee.

Att this day Mr. Willyam Tatnall, formerly chosen to be an Assistant, being desired to take the oath of an Assistant, which was then tendered to him, did refuse to take the same oath and to be an Assistant. And, thereupon, he was voted to pay xx*li.* for a fine by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8]. And he, the said Mr. Willyam Tatnall, beinge required to pay the said fyne, did utterly refuse and deny to pay the same, and thereupon was presently committed to the Counter, &c.

Alsoe at this day Walter Fellow, formerly chosen to be an Assistant, did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

Alsoe att this day Fardinando Clerke and James Arnold were chosen to be Assistantes.

And the said Fardinando Clerke did then take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

Wednesday, the 16th day of August, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Edward Baker, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *.

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Att this day Widow Morland was apoynted to have one of the almeshowses in St. Mary parishe in the roome and place of Widow Gibbons, now deceassed.

Att this day alsoe the price of ale and beere was new assessed.

Mr. Edward Baker, an Alderman, having oftentymes denyed to come to Hall and to give his attendance there, did againe this day earnestly desire the Mayour and Company that he might goe out of the Company and leave his place, and then alsoe said he would willingly su[b]mitt himselfe to a fyne, and the said Mayour and Aldermen presently proceedinge to a fyne, the said Mr. Edward Baker was voted to pay fifty poundes for a fyne by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8]. And soe the said Mr. Edward Baker was presently dismissed from being an Alderman, which fyne the said Mr. Edward Baker promised to give bond this afternoone to pay in this manner, viz., 25*li.* at Christmus next, and 25*li.* at Michaelmas, 1644.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Richard Stampe, one of the Assistantes, was chosen an Alderman in Mr. Baker's place by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIII [9]. And the said Richard Stampe did then take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordinglye.

Alsoe att this day Willyam Wylder, one of the Burgesses of this Towne, was chosen to be an Assistant to this Company. And then the said Willyam Wylder was warned to attend the next weeke to take his oath.

Alsoe att this day James Arnold, formerly chosen to be an Assistant, did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordinglye.

[p. 220.] Wednesdaye, the 23 day of August, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Whereas it is informed that Leonard Draper, a forreyner, doth weekely upon Satterdaye sell in the markett potters' ware, by way

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of retayle, to the prejudice of the freemen and inhabitantes of the Towne, and contrary to the ordinances confirmed by the Judges of Assizes, itt is therefore now ordered and agreed, that the Serjeauntes at the Mace shall once more give warninge to the said [*blank*] to forbeare to sell any more potters' ware by retayle, and to signifye to him that if he did, that then he would forfeit 5*li.*, which should be leavyed accordinglye.

Alsoe att this day Willyam Wylder, formerly chosen to be an Assistant, did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordinglye.

Eleccion day, die Lune, 28 Augusti, 1643, annoque 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnour, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, William Turnor *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Ferdinando Clarke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder.

Att this day the said Mayour and Aldermen, by direccions of their Charter, did name iij of the said Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this day, being the last Munday of August, in their Towne Hall, to the intent and purpose that one of those iij Aldermen, soe named by the said Mayour, the rest of the said Aldermen and Assistantes present this day should be elected to be Mayor of this Boroughe in and for the next yeare cominge, as in and by their said Charter it is required.

1. Mr. William Brackston, IIIIIIIIIIIIII [14], elected Mayour.
2. Mr. George Thorne, jun.
3. Mr. Symon Dee.

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Att this day alsoe the said Mayour and Aldermen did name and apoynt two of the said Assistantes to be Chamberlaynes of this Boroughe for the next yeare, as the Charter requireth, vizt.,

1. Mr. Richard Holloway IIIIIII [7].
2. Mr. John Harrison IIIIIII [7].

Memorandum, the said Mayour and Aldermen did presently send Thomas Skynner and Nicholas Lampyer, two of the Serjeantes at Mace, to Mr. William Brackston's howse to certifye him that he was elected Mayour of this Boroughe for the next yeare, &c.

[p. 221.] Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 22° Septembris, 1643, annoque 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour * [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Christofer Turnor *, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Willyam Turnor *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Hollowaye *, John Harrison *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clarke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder *.

Wednesday, 27° die Septembris, 1643, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Turnour, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Att this day Mr. Christopher Turnor sent under his hand a resignacion of his place of an Alderman, which was accepted of by the Company, and thereupon the said Christofer Turnor was presently dismissed from being an Alderman any longer, by a generall consent.

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And then were named and putt in eleccion 3 of the Assistantes out of which an Alderman in his roome should be chosen, vizt.

1. Mr. Willyam Turnour.
2. Mr. Thomas Bateman.
3. Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Which choice was respited untill a further tyme, by reason all of them were then absent.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Willyam Brackston for his neglecting to come and to give attendance at the Hall was amerced and fyned 40*s.* by theis number of voices, vizt., IIIII [5], and 20*s.* by theis voices II [2].

Satterday, the 30 of September, 1643.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Then agreed that the peticion which Mr. John Harrison had drawen for the Towne should be exhibited to the King and that Roger Walker and Nicholas Lampier should carry the same to Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, with the two warrantes from the High Sheriffe and Commissioners for men and money for the Kinge's service, and alsoe the English coppy of the new Charter, that direccions may be given about the new Mayour for the next yeare.

[p. 222.] Munday, the 2 day of October, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. William Brackston *, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Willyam Turnor, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Hollowaye *, John

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Harrison, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clarke, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder.

Att this day Mr. William Brackston absented himselfe and came not to take his oath to be Mayour, according to his eleccion, yett the Company waited his comminge all this day till sunsett.

Then alsoe Mr. Edward Hamblen, being often warned to come to the Hall, for his neglect to come and give attendance was fyned xx*s*. by theis voices IIIIIII [7].

Then alsoe were named and putt in eleccion 4 of the Assistantes, out of which an Alderman in Mr. Christofer Turnour's place should be chosen, videlicet,

Mr. Edward Hamblen IIIIIII [7], elected.
Mr. Willyam Turnour.
Mr. Thomas Dewell.
Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Tuesday, the 3d day of October, 1643.

Then Thomas Hone, a blacksmith, (being a forreyner) was by composicion admitted a freeman, and he paid for his fyne 5*li*., which was presently delyvered to Mr. Thomas Thackham

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Friday, the 6th day of October, 1643, 19° Caroli Anglie etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour*. Mr. Willyam Brackston, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Edward Hamblen *, Willyam Turnor, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Hollowaye, *. John Harrison, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Ferdinando Clarke, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder.

Att Mr. Mayour's howse.

Ordered, that every housholder shall forfeit xij*d*. for every day he failes to worke att the Bulworkes.

Alsoe every laborer shalbe paid viij*d*. a day for his worke.

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Alsoe agreed that Sir Jacobb Asteley, the Govenor, shall have vij*li.* a weeke for his allowance, which is to be levyed by a taxe upon the inhabitantes.

[p. 223.] Mundaye, the 9th day of October, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Mayour.* Mr. Willyam Brackston, elect; Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. John Dewell*, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaring*, knight, Edward Hamblen*, Willyam Turnor, Thomas Bateman*, Richard Hollowaye*, John Harrison, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder.

Att this day and tyme Mr. William Brackston, the new elected Mayour, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayour, and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes then being, did take his corporall oath, vizt.,

1. The oath of Supremacie.
2. The oath of Mayour and Justice of Peace and quorum of and in this Borough, and the liberties thereof.
3. The oath to doe the office of the Clarke of the Markett within this Boroughe, duringe the tyme of his Mayoraltie there.

And then alsoe Mr. Thomas Thackham, the late Mayour, did take oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Boroughe, during one whole yeare next comminge, &c.

And then alsoe Mr. Richard Hollowaye and Mr. John Harrison, being formerly named and apoynted to be Chamberlaines for this yeare, as their Charter requireth, did take their oathes to execute their office accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Mayour and Aldermen did nominate and apoint Constables and Wardens of and in the said Boroughe for this yeare, viz.,

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Richard Seely Thomas Cope William Smith	Constables, jurati.
William Cowdrey Richard Underwood Francis Lawrence	gardiani Alte ward, jurati.
John Mighill Peter Middleton	gardiani Minster ward, jurati.
William Messenger Richard Hollowaye	gardiani Veteris ward, jurati.
George Porchmouth Richard Richardson	gardiani Novi ward, jurati.
Thomas Hollowaye Richard Kenton	gardiani London ward, jurati.

At this day th'accomptes concerning charitable uses were given upp, &c.

[p. 224.] Wednesdaye, the xjth day of October, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Mayour.* Mr. Thomas Turnor [and] Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Turnor, the senior Alderman and Justice of Peace, personally present (having been 4 tymes Mayour, and now being very aged) did delyver under his hand a resignacion of his place of an Alderman and Justice of Peace, which was accepted by the Company, and thereuppon the said Mr. Thomas Turnor was presently dismissed from being an Alderman and Justice of Peace within this Borough any longer, which resignacion is upon the fyle of this yeare.

Thursdaye, 12° die Octobris, 1643, ac 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maiour.* Sir Thomas Manwaringe, Sceneschall, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Dewell *, Mr. George

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Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Agreed that the Court leet and Lawdaye shalbe holden and kept on Mondaye next for this Boroughe, 16° instantis mensis Octobris.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Edward Hamlin being elected formerly to be one of the Aldermen (making his appearance) was requested to take his oath, but absolutely denyed to take his oath; whereupon he was fyned 100 markes, and for refusing to pay the same, was presently committed to the Compter.

Mundaye, the 16 day of October, 1643, ac 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Mayour*. Mr. Thomas Thackham [and] Mr. George Thorne, sen., justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Mr. Edward Hamblen *, William Turnor, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Richard Hollowaye, John Harrison, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clarke, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *.

Att this day the Lawdaye for this Boroughe was holden.

Nomina Juratorum.

Fardinando Clerke, juratus primus.

James Arnold	jurati.	John Watlington	jurati.
Richard Alright		Thomas Bagley	
Robert James		John Wylder, jun.	
John Cule		Edwardus Burren	
John Redford		Humfrey Hewes	
Robert Staples		Willyam Goodale	
William Oades		Willyam Bartlett	
Joseph Stockwell		John Wye.	

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Fardinando Clerke, James Arnold
Richard Alright, Robert James } assignati Afferrers et jurati.

The verdict apoynted to be taken on the viijth day of Marche next.

[p. 225.] Att this day alsoe Mr. Willyam Turnour and Mr. Richard Hollowaye, two of the Assistantes, and now chosen to be Aldermen, did take their oathes to execute the office of Aldermen accordingly.

Alsoe att this day Samuell Johnson was chosen an Assistant, and did then take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

Alsoe att this day itt was proposed whether Mr. Edward Hamlin should pay all his fyne presently, or have 6 monethes for payment of one halfe, and th'other halfe in ready money; whereupon it was resolved and agreed that he should pay all his fyne presently, by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7].

Alsoe att this day Humfrey Evans paid in the xxv*li.* for his sonne-in-lawe, Thomas Brockett, being part of Sir Thomas White's money, and itt was apoynted that it should be delyvered to Mr. Richard Hollowaye, one of the Chamberlaines, which was delyvered to him accordingly.

Wednesdaye, the 18th day of October, 1643, ac 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maiour.* Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, Seneschall, Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day itt was agreed that a taxe of 40 weekes' pay according to the severall colleccion bookes shalbe forthwith made for the raising of some monyes towardes the payment of the

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Govenour's dyett, carpenters' and smithes' wages, and fire and candle for the severall Courtes of Guard.

Alsoe agreed that a peticion shalbe forthwith made and preferred to the Kinge's Majestie for the freeing of the Towne from the monthly contribucion, in regard of other greate burthens and paymentes now layed upon the Towne, by reason of the garrison here.

Wensdaye, the 25° October, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day Mr. Edward Hamlin paid in the Councell Chamber 33*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and then being freed out of the Counter by Sir Charles Blount, did afterwardes, with his sonne, seale a bond to pay 33*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* more the 26th day of April next, in full of his fyne, and thereupon, accordinge to his desire, was quite removed and dismissed from the Company.

Memorandum, Mr. Richard Hollowaye received the 33*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the bond was layd into the boxe.

Alsoe att this day Mr. Thomas Harrison made it knowne that the 160*li.*, the last yeare received by him of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was disbursed as followeth, viz., to Mr. Thomas Thackham, then Maior, 60*li.*, and to Mr. Richard Burren, 100*li.*, which is the maides' mony, Viccar of St. Laurence and Schoolemaster's.

Alsoe att this day Mr. Thomas Harrison accounted for the taxe monyes, which the last yeare he received in St. Mary and St. Giles' parishe, viz.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Received in all . .	207	05	0
Paid in all . .	231	12	6
Soe Mr. Harrison paid more then he received .	024	07	6

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	li.	s.	d.
Memorandum, Mr. Harrison paid out of theise tax moneys to Doctour Floyd . .	050	00	0
And to Mr. William Page . . .	020	00	0

Soe the Hall oweth of the Archbishop's money but 90*li.*, which is to pay the maides and the Towne Clarke.

Mr. Harrison's bills are upon the fyle of this yeare.

[p. 226.] Wensdaye, the first day of November, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Mayour.* Mr. [*blank*] [and] Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Dewell desired of the Company to pay him the xxv*li.* he lent to them the last yeare, and thereupon itt was agreed that he should be paid with all convenient speed.

Alsoe att this day William White, clothier, being required to pay 2*li.* 15*s.* of his old taxe, said he had delivered in a cloth of 8*li.* for his first taxe, which was 3*li.* above his taxe, and soe desired the Company to out-sett and accept the 3*li.* in liew of the 2*li.* 15*s.*, which was out-sett and accepted accordinglye.

Alsoe then agreed that a second taxe shalbe forth-with made for raising of monyes to pay the Govenour's weekely allowance, carpenters', masons' and smithes' wages, and for woodd and candle for the severall Courtes of Guard, &c.

Wensday, the 8 of November, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

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Att this day the price of ale and beere was sett and assessed.

Alsoe at this day Hugh Smith, of Bradfeild, desired the Company to give him some further tyme to pay in the 25*li.* for which he standes bound with William Underwood, and thereupon itt was agreed that if Hugh Smith did pay xij*li.* x*s.* on Satturday next fortnight, and then give new bond with a sufficient suretie to pay th'other xij*li.* x*s.* at 6 monethes' end, that then the old bond should be delyvered upp and cancelled, all which Hugh Smith accepted of and promised to pay and performe accordinglye. This is parte of Sir Thomas White's money.

Alsoe att this day Willyam Waterman, putt apprentice (with x*li.* of the Archbishopp's money) unto Lawrence Creed, late deceassed, by and with the consent of the Company, was assigned, and the said William Waterman did covenante and agree to dwell and serve the remainder of his tyme with Francis Johnson, a taylor, whoe hath 7*li.* of the x*li.* returned to him by Richard Stockwell, the executour of, &c., and the said Francis Johnson agreed and promised to performe and make good to the apprentice what Lawrence Creed was to do by the indentures, &c.

Att this day alsoe the acquittance for the fee-farme rent of the Towne, paid the last year, was delyvered to Mr. Thomas Thackham, whoe is to pay the fee-farme rent due at Michaellmas last, the audit being now kept at Abingdon.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall send for proces against Robert James and others, &c.

John Joseph desired further tyme to pay his money, and it was granted that he should have tyme till Christmas next, soe as Richard Birch or Henry Fruin wilbe bound with him, which he promised to effect by Wensday next.

Thomas Ward promised to pay his money by Wensday next.

[p. 227.] Wensday, the xvth day of November, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr.

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George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. Symon Dee*, Mr. Richard Stampe*, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day Richard Goddard paid to Mr. Richard Holloway xlv*s.* of his taxe due the last yeare.

Alsoe then Mr. Thomas Seikes paid to Mr. Richard Holloway xij*li.* x*s.* of the second new tax, which he now collected.

Alsoe then John Johnson desired further tyme for payment of his money, which the Company granted, vizt., vj*li.* at St. Thomas' day next, and iij*li.* vij*s.* vj*d.* at Lady-day next, and John Johnson and Richard Birch promised to seale severall bondes accordingly.

Wensday, the xxijth day of November, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham*, justices; Mr. George Thorne*, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day John Poles, a poore old man, was elected and apoynted to have one of John Alarder's Almeshowses in the roome and place of Thomas Clarke, now deceassed.

Then Mr. Richard Hollowaye received into his charge, to pay Mr. John Struggell his interest, theis monyes, viz.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Of Thomas Hatton	5	15	0
Of Thomas Ward	3	07	6
Of the first taxe made for this Govenor, &c. .	0	06	8
	9	09	2

Wensdaye, the 29th day of November, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne*, sen., Mr. Anthony

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Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day Mr. George Woldridge, an Alderman, (for his long absence and neglect in giving any attendance att the Hall) was quite removed and dismissed from the Company, by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIII [9].

Alsoe att this day Mr. John Harrison, one of the Assistantes, and now chosen by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIII [9], to be an Alderman in the roome of Mr. Woldridge, did take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordingly.

Alsoe then agreed that a taxe of xij weekes' paye according to the colleccion bookes shalbe forthwith made for the releife of the visited people.

Alsoe then agreed that a third taxe of 40 weekes' pay, according to the colleccion bookes, (except some men) shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenour's weekely allowance, &c.

Alsoe then Mr. Richard Stampe undertooke for the vj*li.* which John Johnson is to pay, and then John Johnson sealed a new bill for the 3*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*, which was put into the boxe.

[p. 228.] Wensdaye, the 13th of December, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Mayour.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne*, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day itt was agreed that Edward Willmer should pay and delyver into the handes of Mr. Thomas Thackham the 12*li.* 10*s.* which he received of Hugh Smith, of Bradfeild, to the intent Mr. Thomas Thackham should pay to Mr. Thomas Dewell the xxv*li.* which the Company borrowed of him.

Alsoe then agreed that a fourth taxe of 40 weekes' pay according to the colleccion bookes (except some men) shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenour's weekely allowance, &c.

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Quarter-daye, die Veneris, 15to die Decembris, 1643, 19o regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clarke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Dewell shalbe paid his xxv*li.* with Robert James' xij*li.* x*s.*, and with the xij*li.* x*s.* Hugh Smith hath paid in.

Alsoe then agreed, that the xxx*li.* interest due to Mr. Stroughill shalbe paid with the xxv*li.* which Mr. Edward Baker is to pay upon bond in Christmas weeke next, and with 5*li.* out of the Hall rentes by the Cofferer.

Alsoe then agreed that Mr. Willyam Kendricke's Almesmen and women shall have new gownes at Christmas next, provided by Mr. John Harrison, the Chamberlen.

[Remark, *in margin.*] Alsoe then agreed that Elizabeth Kenton, widowe, payeing xx*li.* fyne at Twelftide next, shall have a new lease of her howse and backside for 99 yeares (if 3 lyves soe long lyve) att 3*li.* rent per annum, &c.

Alsoe then agreed that Mr. Peter Burningham and Mr. Richard Stampe shall goe to Grimmer Hill to take some course with Benwell aboute the rentes due from him to the Hall.

Alsoe then agreed that Widow Lovejoy shall have xl*s.* for her paines, to witt, xx*s.* in hand and xx*s.* when Constable Cope hath collected the taxe for the visited people.

Alsoe then agreed that Mr. John Harrison shall forthwith demand and call in theis monyes to the use of the Hall, to witt,

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Of William Stretch . . .	xxv*li.*
Of John Perott	xxv*li.*
Of Richard Bartlemew . . .	xxv*li.*
Of Richard Westwood . . .	xxv*li.*
Of John Fellow	xxv*li.*
Of William Shott . . .	xxv*li.*

[p. 229.] Wensdaye, the 3d day of January, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Sir Thomas Maynewaring, steward; Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day it was agreed that a fifth taxe of 40 weekes' pay, accordinge to the severall colleccion bookes, (except some men) shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenour's weekely allowance, &c.

Alsoe then agreed that old John Symes and Willyam Parr shall henceforth be left out of theise taxes.

Alsoe then agreed that Widow Charleton shall have one of the Almeshouses in St. Mary parishe, in the roome and place of Widow Morland, now deceassed.

Alsoe then was taken out of the greate chest Queene Elizabethe's Chartre, which was presently delyvered to Sir Thomas Maynewaringe to carry home to peruse.

Alsoe then agreed that Peter Thorne and William Belchamber shall receive of the executours of Nicholas Westwood the 50*li.* owing by him into Mr. John Kendricke's reckoninges, and that Mr. Wylmer shall delyver upp Westwoode's bond, and take a new bond of Peter Thorne and William Belchamber for payment of the same 50*li.* in February, 1644, when th'other 50*li.* are due.

Alsoe then agreed that sometymes the next weeke an accompt shalbe given of the 4 taxes alreadie collected.

Alsoe then agreed that sometymes the next weeke Mr. Mayour (as Chamberlayne for the last yeare) shall give accompt of the Hall rentes and revenues by him received, and then a new rent rolle to be made and delyvered to Mr. Hollowaye.

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Wensday, the xth day of January, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, steward; Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day Robert James paid xij*li.* for his parte of the debt which he and William Elkins by their bill doe owe to the Hall and then it was promised and agreed that the said Robert James shalbe noe further charged with the said debt.

Memorandum, that xij*li.* Mr. Thomas Dewell had towardes his xxv*li.*

Then alsoe Henry Adland was apoynted to be one of the Almesmen in Sir Thomas Vachell's howse in the roome of Avery Howell, now deceassed.

Memorandum, then delyvered to Mr. Richard Stampe, William Wylder's bill for 11*li.* 5*s.*, Henry Bennette's bond for 3*li.*, and John Browne's bond for 6*li.*

Memorandum, then delyvered to Francis Thackham the acquittance for the fee-farme, due and paid in Mr. Peter Burningham's yere.

Memorandum, the vij*li.* x*s.*, formerly received of Hugh Smith, is truly paid to the said Mr. Thomas Dewell in full of his said xxv*li.*

per Edwardum Willmer.

[p. 230.] Wensday, the 31th day of January, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

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Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall forthwith take out proces against John Newbery and John Hatt for the 25*li.* which Richard Bartlemew oweth to the Hall.

Agreed that the sixt taxe of 40 weekes' pay, accordinge to the colleccion bookes, shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenour, &c.

Memorandum, this day James Winch, junior, brought into the Hall-chamber, 25*li.* in a bagg, to pay for John Fellowe (as parte of Sir Thomas White's monyes), which he owed upon bond, and desired the bond to be delyvered upp, whereupon the bond was presently taken out of the box, and delyvered by Mr. Anthony Brackston to James Winch, and the said bagg and money lyeing on the table, the said Mr. Anthony Brackston tooke it upp without telling, and said he would accept of it for 25*li.*, and soe carryed it awaye.

Alsoe at this day the Hall accomptes for the yeare Mr. Thomas Thackham was Maior, viz., from the Munday next after Michaelmas day, 1642, untill Munday next after Michaelmas day, 1643, were made and given upp before the said Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes by Mr. William Brackston, the senior Chamberlaine, yett now Maior, whoe had the charge thereof for that yeare, viz.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The Charge, in all received . . .	225	10	09
The Discharge, in all paid . . .	227	01	00
Soe at this accompt the Hall is indebted to the Accomptant . . .	001	10	03

The accompt alsoe of Mr. William Brackston for Mr. John Kendricke's rentes in his charge from Michaelmas, 1642, to Michaelmas, 1643.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The Charge, in all on the rent-rolle . .	248		
The Discharge, first paid on the rent-rolle .	005	00	
Item, Mr. Thomas Thackham received of Mr. Whitlocke's rent due at Lady-day, 1643, which is now in his handes . . .	043	10	
Item, Mr. William Brackston received in parte of Mr. Whitlocke's rent, due at Michaelmas, 1643, which is now in his handes . .	018	10	
Item, in arrerages	181	00	
	248	00	

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[p. 231.] Friday, the 16th of February, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe*, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day itt was agreed that a peticion shalbe forthwith made and exhibited to [*blank*] att Oxford to pray a free trade for cloth in the behalfe of the Towne, for their better supportance, &c.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. Richard Stampe shall goe to Oxford and attend the same.

Wensday, the 21th of February, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, justice, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day Mr. Edward Baker, being required to pay his 25*li.*, answered, he would pay it when he had money, or assoone as he could.

Agreed that the 5*li.* of Mr. Johnson's money, now in Mr. John Harrison's handes, which he received of Wattes, shalbe sent with Camell's wench to be an apprentice, soe as securitie be given for the repayment thereof, &c.

Alsoe agreed that a lettre of attorney shalbe made by the Company under their common seale to Mr. Thomas Bunbury, to receive of Mrs. Jenninges, Henry Knappe and George Lowgrove, their severall rentes due and arrere at Michaelmas last, &c.

[p. 232.] Wenesdaye, the 28° February, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Mayor.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne*, sen., Mr. Anthony

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Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison ; Sir Thomas Mainewaringe, knight.

Att this day itt was agreed that a 7th taxe of 40 weekes' pay, accordinge to the colleccion bookes, shalbe forthwith made to pay the Governour, &c., prout, &c.

Alsoe agreed that Katherine Grantham, Rebecca Hurley, Katherine Whistler, and Jane Purnell shall have their severall shares and partes of the Archbishopp's guifte, and shalbe paid to them soe soone as conveniently it may.

And the 5th maid for this Towne, and the 6th maide for the Towne of Wokingham, are referd to further consideracion, &c.

Memorandum, then Anne Burden, servant to Ellis Knight ix yeares, presented her name as capeable of the Bishopp's gifte, but not then elected.

Munday, the xjth day of March, 1643, 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior* *. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham *, justices ; Mr. George Thorne *, sen.

[No business recorded for this day.]

Quarterday, die Veneris, 15° Martij 1643, annoque 19° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior* *. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight *, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellow *, William Gandye *,

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Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder *, Samuel Johnson *.

Att this day soe much of the Kinge's lettre directed to Sir Jacobb Asteley, as concerned the inhabitantes of this Towne, for three monethes' provision of victualls for each of their severall families, was openly read, and the inhabitantes are required to provide accordinglye.

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[p. 233.] Wensday, the 27th day of March, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, seneschall; Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day itt was agreed that the eight taxe of 40 weekes' pay, accordinge to the colleccion bookes, shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenor, &c.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. Richard Brownejohn shalbe paid 54*li.* for interest money in this manner, viz. 30*li.* from Mr. Richard Holloway within 14 daies next, and 24*li.* out of Mr. Edward Hamlin's bond in Aprill next, when it is due.

Agreed alsoe that Mr. William Gandye shalbe paid 16*li.* for interest money due to him in the right of his wief, in this manner, vizt., 9*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the residue of Mr. Edward Hamlin's bond, and the rest being 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* by Mr. Richard Hollowaye out of the Hall rentes.

Robert Westmorland, presenting a bill amounting to 40*li.*, or thereaboutes, for materialls and worke had and done about this Garrison, was promised to be paid when the King payeth the Towne, &c.

Memorandum, the 8*li.*, which Mr. Edward Baker is to pay, is agreed to be paid to Mr. Richard Hollowaye, towardes the payment of Mr. Richard Brownejohn's 54*li.*

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Memorandum, in the absence of Mr. Richard Brownejohn, Mr. Thomas Harrison is to receive the 54*li.*

Satterday, the vjth day of Aprill, 1644.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight, seneschall; Collonell John Owen, Deputy-Govenor; Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day his Majestie's letter (requiringe a sufficient number of Townesmen to passe on duties and keepe watches during the absence of that parte of the Garrison which is gone to the Lord Hopton) was openly read, &c.

[p. 234.] Tuesdaye, the 16th day of Aprill, 1644, 2° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Sir Jacob Asteley, knight, the Govenor, and divers others of the Officers then present.

Att this day divers instruccions and direccions sent from the King and a Councell of Warr at Oxford, concerning this Garrison and Towne, were openly read, with a new oath which was then taken by those which were present.

Wensday, the 17th day of Aprill, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne,

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jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe *, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe, knight *, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clarke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day it was agreed that the ninth taxe of 40 weekes' pay according to the severall colleccion bookes shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenor, &c.

Alsoe att this day the examinacion of the 3 poore Maid-servantes to cast lottes for the xx^tie^ nobles on Good Friday next was in this manner, in each parishe one, according to the will of the donour, viz.,

1. Elizabeth Nicholls, servant to Annanias Collingwood xj yeares and a halfe, for St. Lawrence parishe.
2. Margarett Castell, servant to John Chamberlen x yeares at May-day next, for St. Mary parishe.
3. Rebecca Hurley, servant to Mr. Thomas Seikes viij yeares, for St. Giles' parishe.

Then Walter Fellow and James Arnold tooke oath to be true and faithfull to King Charles, &c.

[p. 235.] Good Friday, the 19th day of Aprill, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

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The names of the 3 poore Maid-servantes which are elected to cast the lottes this day for the twenty nobles, viz.,

1. For St. Lawrence parishe, Elizabeth Nicholls 14
2. For St. Mary parishe, Margarett Castell 04
3. For St. Giles' parishe, Rebecca Hurley 12

Memorandum, this is the third yeare after the last fifth yeare for Southcott (if any be capable), but none came.

Memorandum, this day Tobie Marten and his brother paid the 10*li.* in a new leather purse, accordinge to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and it was by the said Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes, paid and distributed, as the will directeth, viz.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Elizabeth Nicholls who this day did win the lott and money in purse . .	6	13	4
To the preacher	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Mary Church, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Church, to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	0
To the junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence .	0	03	4
To the Clarke and Sexton there . . .	0	06	8
To the Clarke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
In all	10	00	0

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. William Brackston's gifte was this day distributed as his will directeth, viz.,

To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Mary parishe . .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parishe . .	1	0	0
To 20 poore men 12*d.* a-piece . . .	1	0	0
In all	4	0	0

To 7 in St. Mary, 7 in St. Lawrence, and 6 in St. Giles', 12*d.* a-peice.

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Willyam Legge's gifte was this day distributed as his will directeth, viz., to 24 poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-piece, viz.,

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	li.	s.	d.
To 8 in St. Mary parishe . . .	1	6	8
To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe . . .	1	6	8
To 8 in St. Giles' parishe . . .	1	6	8
In all	4	0	0

Alsoe 3*li.* of Widow Worslye's gifte was this day distributed as her will directeth, viz. to 60 poore widowes 12*d.* a-peice, viz.,

	li.	s.	d.
To 25 in St. Giles' parishe . . .	1	5	0
To 25 in St. Lawrence parishe . . .	1	5	0
To 10 in St. Mary parishe . . .	0	10	0
In all	3	0	0

[p. 236.] Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnour, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *.

Att this day itt was agreed that the tenth taxe of 40 weekes' pay according to the severall colleccion bookes shalbe forthwith made to pay the Govenor, &c.

Alsoe agreed that a lettre of attorney shalbe made to Francis Thackham and Thomas Skynner to enter upon Pottman Brooke groundes, and to demand and take possession thereof, &c.

Alsoe agreed that a peticion shalbe made to the King to cause the shopkeepers, tradesmen and creditours of this Company to forbeare sueing or troubling of them for any debt or monyes oweing to them which was had for the Kinge's use, untill such tyme as the King shall repay them the 4000*li.* lent to him, or the Countie shall pay the 1500*li.* according to the Kinge's former direccions.

Alsoe Willyam Stanton came in persone and gave warning and said, he would not hold their howse any longer, which the Company then refused, and answered him, that they would not accept of any warninge, untill a Quarter-daye.

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Alsoe agreed that the High Sheriffe shalbe answered by the Maior and Company, that they are not able to pay any taxe towardes the releife of the poore townesmen now listed to be souldiers within the Towne.

Alsoe agreed that the Govenor shalbe spoken with aboute the taking of the allowances to the severall Courtes of Guard.

Wensdaye, the 15th day of May, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Fardinando Clarke, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Peter Thorne, William Gandye.

Att this day it was agreed that Mr. Maior should undertake for the 40*li.* worth of bread, required to be provided by the Towne for the Armye, and that the said 40*li.* shalbe levyed upon the inhabitantes by way of taxe.

Alsoe agreed, as touching the some of money demanded by the Lord Generall from the Towne, that answere shalbe given to the said Lord, that the Kinge's Majestie hath graciously freed the Towne from the payment thereof, and that the Towne is soe much impoverished, that they are utterly unhable to pay any money.

[p. 237.] Munday, the 20th day of May, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. Richard Stampe *, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Peter Thorne, Samuell Johnson.

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This morning the Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes present (in obedience to his Excellencie the Earle of Essex' warrant) did call the carpenters before them, and conferred on the making upp of Cawsham Bridge, and after much debate, theis master-carpenters vizt., Richard Hinde, Richard Sherfeild, Edward London and John Hancocke, in consideracion of xxij*li.* to be paid them, did promise and agree, with all possible speed, att their owne proper costes and charges in all thinges (except gravell), sufficiently to repaire and make upp the said bridge. And itt was agreed that the said money shalbe borrowed and interest paid for the same, untill such tyme as the Hall shalbe able to pay itt againe. Alsoe agreed that the xxij*li.* to the carpenters shalbe paid to them in this manner, vizt., part of itt to-day, to-morrow, or next day, and the rest when the worke is done, or so soone as convenientlye after itt may be.

Quarterday, Friday, the xiiijth day of June, 1644, annoque 20° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *.

Assistantes.

Sir Thomas Maynewaringe *, knight, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe *, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day itt was agreed that John Alarder's Almesmen shalbe suddenly paid what is due and arrere to them.

Alsoe agreed that the Chamberlen shall forthwith demand all the Hall rentes, and those tenantes which refuse to pay, their leases to be required, and if they deny to yeild their leases, then a legall demand and entrie to be made att Michaelmas next.

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[p. 238.] Wensday, the xixth day of June, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison.

Sir Thomas Maynewaring, knight *, Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellow *, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *.

Att this day lettres from St. John Baptist Colledge in Oxon, certifyeing the death of Mr. Willyam Brackston, lately a Fellow of the said Colledge, whereby a place is voide belonging to this schoole, to the end eleccion of a scholler capable of the said place may be made, were openly read, &c. Mr. John Cleybrooke, clerke, apoynted to bring his schollers to the Free Schoole, and such other schollers as were formerly of the schoole, to the intent eleccion may be made of a fitt scholler accordingly. But the eleccion is referred untill Friday next.

Att this day alsoe Humfrey Griffin, of Lambeth in com' Surrey, gardiner, and his partner, John Shaw, of Lambeth aforesaid, waterman, being forreyners and not freemen of the Towne, and selling att the Shipp Dore by retaile, soape, starche, raisons and other commodities, in contempt of Goverment and to the great hinderance of the shopkeepers and freemen of the said Towne, were forbidden to sell any more and to depart the Towne by the next morninge, otherwise they should be amerced 5*li.* a-piece and the same levyed, according to the orders confirmed by the Judges of Assize, by warrant to the Serjeantes-at-Mace.

Alsoe agreed that a lettre of attorney should presently be made to the 3 Sergeantes to distreyne, att Mr. Thomas Harrison's howse and brewhouse, parcell of John Alarder's land and for 5*li.* rent due at Lady-day last, which is to pay John Alarder's Almesmen.

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Friday, the xxjth day of June, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. [*blank*] and Mr. Thomas Thackham, justices; Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun. *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnour *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *.

Samuell Johnson.

Att this day the aforesaid lettres from St. John Baptist Colledge were againe read, &c.

John Blackman, IIIIII [6] .	Schollers presented out of the scholle and put in eleccion.
Thomas Hamlin, [home, *in margin*] . .	
Willyam Milles, [home, *in margin*] . .	

[London . . . before, *in margin.*] The said John Blackman, aged nere 17 yeares, the sonne of William Blackman, of Reading, taylor, a modest, ingenious and hopefull young scholler, very fitt to learne logique, was this day out of this schoole nominated and chosen to be scholler in St. John's Colledge in Mr. William Brackston's place. Att this day alsoe the certificate of the eleccion of the said John Blackman to the place in St. John's Colledge in Oxon, was sealed and by the Mayor and 5 Aldermen subscribed. The lettre and coppie of the certificate is upon the fyle of this yeare.

Alsoe Thomas Tuttey, John Littleworth and John Sturdye were forbidden to digg any further in the Ortes, and to cast in the ground, digged by them, by Wensday next, att their perills.

per E. W.

[p. 239.] Tuesday, the 25th day of June, 1644.

Att Mr. Thomas Thackham's howse, theis Aldermen and Assistantes mett together, viz.,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

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Assistantes.

Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day a lettre and warrant with a coppie of the Kinge's order being recived from Leiftenant Colonell Lower, Leiftenant Govenor of Wallingford, for the collecting within this Towne, 150*li.* for 3 weekes' contribucion, due this day, and 50*li.* a weeke henceforth, for the mainetenance of the Garrison of Wallingford, were openly read, much debated and considered. Afterwardes it was agreed that a submissive answere by lettre should be forthwith sent to the said Govenor, letting him to know that, though wee are willing, yett unable to contribute, and desiring him to forbere us, &c., all which appeares on the fyle. Agreed that Mr. Samuell Johnson shall carry the answere, and shalbe paid his charges, &c.

Thursday, the 27th of June, 1644.

Att Mr. Thomas Thackham's howse theise Aldermen and Assistantes mett together, viz.,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Samuell Johnson.

Att this day another lettre being received from the said Govenor of Wallingford for the said contribucion, was openly read, much debated and considered. Afterwardes it was agreed that another submissive answer by lettre should be speedily sent to the said Govenor, letting him thereby to knowe that the Towne is utterly unable to pay, &c.

Alsoe agreed that a peticion shalbe made to the honourable Councell of War at Oxford, for the releasing of Mr. Maior and freeing the Towne from the said contribucion.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Samuell Johnson shall carry the answere and peticion, and shalbe paid his charges, &c.

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Wensdaye, the xth day of July, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Theise Aldermen present,

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, [*Mayor*]. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Agreed that John Hancocke, Richard Shervill and the two other carpenters shalbe paid *7li.* more in full of their monyes due for worke done at Caversham Bridge.

Alsoe this day William Stanton brought in his father's old lease of the howse next the Gaole, and said he would hold it noe longer, but it was agreed that he should hold it till Lady-day next, and pay his rent then to be due, and then they would take itt into their owne handes, yett he would take a new lease thereof, at *5li.* rent per annum.

Alsoe this day Mr. Edward Baker's bond for payment of *25li.* was taken out of the boxe, and, by a full consent, was presently delyvered to Mr. Thomas Harrison in parte of payment of the debt and money which the Hall oweth unto him.

A lettre of attorney under the Towne seale presently to be made.

[p. 240.] Alsoe this day the Company did lett their barne in Sivyer streete from Midsomer-day last for one whole yeare, unto John Gilbert, husbandman, att the rent of *50s.*, which he is to pay in this manner, viz., *25s.* now in hand, and th'other *25s.* at Christmas next.

Wensdaye, the 17th day of July, 1644.

Present theis Aldermen, viz.,

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison. *not*, IIIIII [6].

Att this day Mr. Maior, by a lettre from his unckle, Mr. Anthony Brackston, made it knowne to the Company present that the charges

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of the Kinge's proteccion would arise to xx*li.* at the least, and thereupon it was questioned how that money should be paid, and, after much debate, itt was agreed that each Alderman should lay downe 40*s.* a-peice for the present, and that they should be repaid the same monyes out of the Hall rentes and revenues, before Mr. Richard Holloway, the Chamberlen, doth give upp his accompt.

Thursdaye, the 18th day of July, 1644.

Present theis Aldermen and Assistantes, viz.,

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Samuell Johnson, Assistant.

Att this day a warrant under the handes of Serjeant Major Generall Browne, Sir Francis Pile, knight, Tanfeild Vachell and Henry Marten, Esqrs., for the speedye making upp of sufficient drawbridge in Caversham Bridge, and to taxe the inhabitantes for to beare the charges thereof, was openly read, &c., which warrant is upon the file. And itt was agreed that a taxe of xx^{tie} weekes' pay, according to the severall colleccion-bookes, shalbe forthwith made and collected, to pay, aswell for theis charges, as for some oates and hay and other paymentes charged upon the Towne. The Chamberlaines are apoynted to see the drawbridge finished.

The Constables are apoynted to collect this taxe one in each parishe, viz.

Thomas Cope, in St. Lawrence parishe.
Richard Seely, in St. Mary parishe.
William Smith, in St. Giles' parishe.

Thursday, the first day of August, 1644.

Present theis Aldermen and Assistantes, viz.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

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Assistantes.

William Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day it was agreed that a lettre shalbe forthwith sent to Mr. John Dewell, to know whether he will come and keepe his place or ells stand to his fyne. Alsoe agreed that Nicholas Lampier shall goe and carry the lettre and bring his direct answere.

Alsoe at this day Humfrey Milles and John Webb, two of the Burgesses of this Towne, were chosen to be Assistantes to this Company; and they both did presently take their oathes to execute the offices of Assistantes accordinglye.

[p. 241.] Wensday, the 7th day of August, 1644.

Present theis Aldermen, viz.,

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day Mr. John Dewell's answere to the former lettre, with a certificate under the minister's and other parishioners' handes of the parishe where he now is, was openly read, but the Company were not satisfyed with the same, &c. Put on the fyle.

Wensdaye, the 14th day of August, 1644.

Present theis Aldermen and Assistantes,

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Assistantes.

William Wylder, Samuell Johnson.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Pococke, upon his humble suite, is permitted (for the tyme present, and in the absence of Mr. Page) to teach schollers in the Free Schoole of Readinge.

Memorandum, this day there was layed into the greate chest two bondes, videlicet, Sir Humfrey Forster and Mr. Lawrence

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Halstede's bond to Mr. Thomas Thackham and Mr. Anthony Brackston of 2000*li.* for payment of 1000*li.* at a day past. And alsoe the Honourable William, Earle of Devon, and Sir James Thinn's bond to Thomas Dewell, John Harrison, Thomas Phillipps and John Castell of 2000*li.* for payment of 1000*li.* and 16*s.* at a day past. Memorandum, in the till at the south end, &c.

Thursdaye, the xxijth day of August, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *.

Assistantes.

Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, William Wylder, Humfrey Milles *.

And alsoe Mr. Tanfeild Vachell, Mr. William Ball, Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Mr. Robert Packer . } Esquiers, Committees of Parliament for the Countie of Berkes.

Att this day the said Committees declared Anthony Brackston, clothier, Thomas Harrison, brewer, Willyam Turnour, clothier, Aldermen, and Sir Thomas Manwaringe, knight, and William Gandy, brewer, Assistantes, members of this Corporacion, to be persons notoriously disaffected to the State, and thereupon conceivinge them to be very unfitt to be contynued in any office or place in the Governement of this Towne, did now acquaint the Company present therewith, and wished them to remove them, and to choose other men better affected to the State, in their severall places and offices. The Company desired further tyme to consider hereof. The Committees' declaracion is upon the fyle.

Afterwardes this day alsoe, the said Mr. John Dewell, an Alderman, for his said longe absence and neglect in giving any attendance at the Hall, and assistance to this Company was quite removed and dismissed from the Company by theise number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIII [8].

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Alsoe att this day Mr. John Dewell, an Alderman, (for his long absence and neglect in giving attendance at the Hall) was amerced and fyned fortye poundes.

[p. 242.] Friday, the xxiijth day of August, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Thomas Bateman, Peter Thorne, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb.

And alsoe Mr. Henry Martin, Mr. Tanfeild Vachell, Mr. Peregrine Hobbye, Mr. William Ball, Mr. Robert Packer, Mr. Daniell Blagrave . . . . . Esquiers, Committees for the Countie of Berkes.

Att this day the Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes desired of the Committees further tyme to consider of the removall of Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. William Turnour and Mr. William Gandye, from their severall offices and places, &c.

Att this day alsoe Sir Thomas Manwaringe, knight, an Assistant to this Company, (for his long absence and neglect in giving any attendance at the Hall and assistance to this Company,) was quite removed and dismissed from his office and place of Assistant by theis number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8].

Alsoe att this day Mr. George Woldridge, one of the Burgesses of this Towne, was chosen to be an Assistant to this Company, and did presently take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

Afterwardes att this day alsoe the said Mr. George Woldridge, one of the Assistantes and now chosen to be an Alderman by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8], in the roome of Mr. John Dewell, did take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordingly, and then by a unanimous consent the said Mr. George Woldridge was restored to his senioritie and former place.

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Memorandum, whereas the Maior for the tyme being, heretofore, had 60*li.* fee, it is now ordered and agreed, in case the said Mr. George Woldridge shall happen to be Maior the next yeare, that then he shall have but the one halfe of the said fee, vizt., 30*li.*

Eleccion-day, die Lune, 26 Augusti, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellow, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb.

Att this day the said Maior and Aldermen, by direccions of their charter, did name iij of the said Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this day, being the last Munday in August, in their Towne Hall, to the intent and purpose that one of those iij Aldermen soe named by the said Maior, the rest of the said Aldermen and Assistantes, present this day, should be elected Maior of this Boroughe for the next yeare comminge, as in and by their charter it is required, viz.,

1. Mr. George Thorne, jun., IIII [4].
2. Mr. George Woldridge, III [3].
3. Mr. Symon Dee, IIIIIII [7], elected Maior.

Att this day alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did name and appoint two of the Burgesses of this Boroughe to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as the charter requireth, vizt.,

1. Mr. John Harrison, IIIIIIIIIO [9].
2. Mr. Peter Thorne, IIIIIIIIII [10].

Wensday, the 4th day of September, 1644.

Present, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Symon Dee, *elect*, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. John Harrison.

* Marked as absent.

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It is this day ordered and agreed that a warrant shalbe forthwith made to the Serjeantes of the Mace, to levy 5*li.* of the goodes of Leonard Draper, a forreyner, forfeyted for selling earthen wares by retayle within the Boroughe, contrary to the antient customes of, &c., and ordinances, &c.

[p. 243.] Wenesdaye, the 18th of September, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Richard Stampe.

Att this day the difference betweene Jane Dawe, widowe, and Lidia Mace, her apprentice, was ordered, as appeareth upon the file.

Alsoe Quarter-daye, beinge on Fridaye next (in regard of Mr. Maior's goeinge to London, and others of the Company from home), was put off untill Tuesdaye next.

Tuesdaye, the 24th of September, 1644, 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior elect,* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne *, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles *, John Webb.

Att this day Phillip Smith and Elizabeth, his wife, exhibited their peticion, thereby desiringe a new lease of the Butchers' Shambles, which was granted, as appeares by the answer under the foote of the peticion, which is upon the fyle of this yeare.

Att this day alsoe (a survay being made of the rentes and monyes due to the Hall) itt was ordered and agreed that Mr. Walter Knight should forthwith send for proces against those which are behinde and refuse to pay.

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Alsoe agreed that a lettre shalbe forthwith sent to Mr. Bulstrode Whitlocke about his rent.

[p. 244.] Mundaye, the 30th daye of September, anno Domini, 1644, annoque 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Brackston, *Maior.* Mr. Symon Dee, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb.

Att this day and tyme Mr. Symon Dee, the now elected Maior, by direccions of the charter, in the presence of his last predecessor Maior and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes then being, did take his corporall oathes, vizt.,

1. The oath of Supremacye.
2. The oath of Maior and Justice of Peace and Quorum, of and in this Burrough and the liberties thereof.
3. The oath to doe the office of the Clarke of the Markett within this Borough, during the tyme of his Maioraltie there.

And then alsoe Mr. William Brackston, the last Maior, did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Burrough, during one whole yeare next comminge.

And then alsoe Mr. George Thorne, sen., (being senior Alderman) did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the Borough whilest he contynues senior Alderman.

And att this day alsoe the said Maior, by and with the consent of the Aldermen, his brethren, did agree that the two old Chamberlaynes, viz., Mr. Richard Hollowaye and Mr. John Harrison, being formerly sworne should contynue to execute the office of Chamberlaynes of this Boroughe for the next yeare.

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And att this day alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did nominate and apointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Boroughe for the next yeare, viz.,

Edward Strowde Samuell Jemmott Edward Poole	Constables, jurati.
Thomas Goade Richard Stockwell William Page James Blewett	gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
Jonathan Smith William Witton	gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.
William Ambrose Robert Tirroll	gardiani London Warde, jurati.
Mathew Hulbert Thomas Gibbes William Parr, jun.	gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.
William Burley Willyam Speed	gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.

[p. 245.] Wensday, the 2d of October, 1644, annoque 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Then itt was ordered and agreed that Mathew Jackson (in case he be willinge) shalbe removed from his owne howse to the howse adjoyninge to Mr. Harrison's barne.

Then alsoe itt was ordered and agreed that the Maior and Aldermen henceforwardes, att their comminge to Church on Sundayes and other publick meetinges att Church and att Hall, shall come in their gownes and ruffes, upon paine of 3*s.* 4*d.* to be forfeited by every man, as often as defaulte shalbe made.

And then alsoe itt was ordered and agreed that noe Alderman or Assistant (being warned) shall henceforwardes absent himselfe from any meeting att the Hall, without asking leave of the Maior for the

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tyme being, upon paine of 3*s.* 4*d.*, to be forfeited by every man as often as he shall make defaulte in absenting himselfe without leave, as aforesaid.

Att this day William Moore exhibited a peticion for 2 lyves in revercion of the Shambles, or for satisfaccion for his losses, which is upon the fyle with the answere. And thereupon it was ordered that the lease should not yett be made to Phillip Smith and his wife, till further order be given to Mr. Wylmer.

Wensday, the 9th of October, 1644, annoque 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie etc.

Present, vizt.,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

James Arnold, Humfrey Milles.

Then Mr. Richard Hollowaye received and had of John Johnson xl*s.*, and his bill was delivered in, and all thinges were agreed between him and the Company.

Then alsoe Mrs. Thurston, widowe, beinge demanded the money due upon William Elkins his bill, (unto whome shee was Executor) did refuse to pay it.

Then alsoe Henry Tub, Robert Remnant and Samuell Watlington did complayne that Leonard Draper did againe (on Satterday last) sell divers earthen-weares within the Boroughe of Reading by retayle, contrary, &c., whereupon it was ordered that a new warrant be forthwith made for the levyeinge of 5*li.* of the goodes and chattells of the said Leonard Draper, beinge forfeited for his sellinge of the said weares, contrary, &c.

Then alsoe Mr. Mayor did deliver Hulberte's bond to Mr. George Wooldridge, and Mr. Walter Knight promised to pay the 5*li.*, it beinge parte of Richard Johnson's guift to binde poore apprentices.

Then alsoe Willyam Grantum, carpenter, came to demand vj*li.* which was due to him and Thomas Randall, carpenter, deceassed, for worke done by them, and he the said William Grantum, being

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the survivor, was contented to accept of xxx*s.* in full payment, which was agreed should be paid unto him, and thereupon he did promise to free the Company against any clayminge by Randall.

Then alsoe Edward Shipwaie's busines concerninge the Scavenger's office was heard and respited till Wenesday next.

Then alsoe Thomas Hollyer, being perswaded by the Company and the Almesmen to hold the groundes another yeare, did agree to it and did promise to make what he could of it to pay the poore.

[p. 246.] Wenesdaye, the xvjth of October, 1644, annoque vicesimo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. Willyam Brackston [and] Mr. George Thorne *, sen., justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe *, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Mills *, John Webb.

At this daye John Parr's wife did (in the behalfe of her husband) tender his lease, which the Company did refuse till her husband had paid the rent which was due.

Then alsoe Mr. Stampe (in the behalfe of the Widowe Densill) did pay 50*li.*, parte of Mr. John Kendricke's money, and thereupon the bond was cancelled, and the money delivered to Mr. Richard Hollowaye, which he did promise to deliver in upon a moneth's warninge at any time.

Then alsoe Edward Shipwaye did undertake to performe the Skavenger's office and to doe all thinges that belonges thereunto, as he did the last yeare, for iiij*s.* vj*d.* a weeke, which is appointed to be paid him by the Chamberlayne every weeke.

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Thursdaye, the xvijth of October, anno Domini 1644, annoque vicesimo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston *, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison *.

Assistantes.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb.

At this day the Lawe-daye for the Boroughe was holden.

Nomina Juratorum.

Johannes Webb, juratus primus.

Richard George	jurati.	Francis Johnson	jurati.
Richard Seely		Peter Horne	
Henry Fruin		Clement Marlon	
Thomas Cope		Solomon Barnard, jun.	
John Bartlett		Richard Hussey, jun.	
Roger Stevens		Richard Levens	
John Redford		Thomas Pynnocke	
John Chandler		Moses Willis.	

John Webb, Richard George, Richard Seely, Henry Fruin, Thomas Cope . . } assignati Affeirers et jurati.

The verdict apoynted to be taken on the Wensday before Lady-day next.

[p. 247.] Wensday, the xviijth day of October, 1644, 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

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Att this day Henry Bennett paid in full of his bond fortye shillinges, which was presently delyvered to Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Alsoe this day John Parr's wife desired the Company to accept of her husbande's lease, which was denyed by reason that the howse was out of reparacions, and for that there was 5*li.* rent behinde at Michaelmas last, yett they were contented to take in the lease soe as she would pay 3*li.*, which she then denyed to pay.

Friday, the viijth day of November, 1644, 20me regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Att this day Anne Lowgrove, widow, being required to putt in new securitie for the xxv*li.* her husband oweth to the Hall, she then promised to pay in the money or to give new securitie for the same by Wensday next come senight.

Att this day alsoe itt was ordered and agreed, that if John Creed would pay his rent and herryott now due to the Hall, that then the said John Creed should be saved harmelesse for the same against Mr. Thomas Harrison, &c.

Munday, the xviijth day of November, 1644, 20me regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., and Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

This day the Committees sent for the Maior and Aldermen to attend them, whereupon they presently went, and soe nothing was here agreed on by them this day.

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Wensdaye, the xxth day of November, 1644, 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

This day itt was ordered and agreed that John Mighill shalbe abated iij*li.* of his 9*li.* rent due at Michaelmas last, and alsoe that he shall pay th'other 6*li.* to John Wylder, junior, in part of his demand from the Hall, which John Wylder then accepted.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. Wylmer shall write to Mr. Walter Knight to forbeare to proceed this terme against Samuell Jemott and Mrs. Thurston, according to the Committee's direccion, and alsoe that Mr. Knight should bring downe with him a coppie of William Smithe's and Michaell Readinge's declaracion against Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Edward Wylmer, junior, shalbe admitted the next attorney into the Court, and that assoone as conveniently it may be done.

per E. W[ilmer], senior.

[p. 248.] Munday, the 2d of December, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

This day it was ordered and agreed that a peticion shalbe forthwith preferred to the Parliament for the reliefe of the Towne against the insolencies and violences of the Souldyers, &c.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that the clensing of the streetes shall goe on, alwaies provided that cartes and teames be provided by the Govenor, &c.

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Quarter-daye, Fridaye, the 20th of December, 1644, annoque 20° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen. [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Stampe, Mr. Willyam Turnor, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

Thomas Dewell *, Thomas Bateman *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Mills, John Webb.

Att this day Richard Westwood, clothier, by Thomas Kenton, paid in sixe poundes, and promised to pay fower poundes more about two howers hence, and it is in parte of payment of the 25*li.* which Richard Westwood oweth to the Hall, as parte of Sir Thomas White's monyes. Memorandum, Mr. Richard Holloway then received the sixe poundes, and afterwardes Mr. Richard Holloway acknowledged that he had received the said fower poundes.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Thomas Harrison, one of the Aldermen, earnestly desired to be removed from his office, and not to continue an Alderman any longer, for that he said he had lost his estate and was undone. The Company resolved farther to consider of his desire, and to give him an answere at another tyme.

Thomas Cope then demanded the 25*li.* due to his kinsman Mr. Richard Burren, and it is answered that it should be paid so soone as they can gett in any money.

Old Father Mayne and his sonne are apoynted to pay their rent for the Woolhall by Wensday next come senight, otherwise the Hall to reenter and to putt them out.

Att this day alsoe Edward Wylder, tenant to the howse and landes, which should pay xx*li.* per annum to the Almesmen of Mr. William Kendricke, prayed some abatement of his rent untill the tymes amend, but his answere was respited untill the Chamberlaines had spoken to Mrs. Kendricke about the same.

Agreed that Edward Shipwey shalbe paid xl*s.* by Mr. Holloway on Christmas Eve next, alwaies provided he clense all as he was

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wont to doe by that tyme, and soe Edward Shipwey was contented to leave of that service.

[p. 249.] Att this day Daniell Blagrave, Esquire, now inhabiting within the Boroughe, was elected an Assistant to this Company by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8].

Alsoe at this day itt was ordered that 3*s.* 4*d.* shalbe forfeited and paid by each Alderman and Assistant of this Company that shall make defaulte in comming to Hall, upon every warninge, unles leave be asked of Mr. Maior, and just cause be shewen for their absence.

Alsoe at this day it was ordered and apoynted that John Perotte's bond of xxv*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift, for which Mr. Edward Hamblen and Walter Keene stand bound to the Hall, shalbe delyvered upp to Mr. Edward Hamblen, in regard the said xxv*li.* is already paid into Mr. Holloway's hand.

Wensdaye, the viijth day of January, 1644, 20mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Att this day Mr. Daniell Blagrave (being formerly chosen an Assistant), did take his oath to execute the office of Assistant accordingly.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Thomas Bateman, one of the Assistantes, was elected an Alderman by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7].

Att this day alsoe Michaell Mumford and Elizabeth, his wife, were apoynted to enter into one of Mr. Bernard Harrison's Almeshowses and to have such allowances as shalbe due, &c.

Att this day alsoe Henry Fruin was elected an Assistant to this Company by theise number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7].

Friday, the tenth day of January, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas

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Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Att this day Mr. Daniell Blagrave moved the Company about payeinge the Maides their money which was received from the Archbishopp. And thereupon it was ordered and agreed that the Maides shalbe paid their money betwixt this and Lady-day next, and the Company desired Mr. Daniell Blagrave soe to answere the Maides.

Att this day alsoe Henry Fruin (being formerly chosen an Assistant) did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Edward Hamlyn brought to the Hall the fower poundes of his father's guifte due this yeare to ten poore, and it was presently distributed to ten poore men of this Towne, 8*s.* a-peice, viz.,

To 4 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 3 in St. Mary parishe.
To 3 in St. Giles' parishe.

At this day alsoe Mr. Thomas Thackham brought in his accomptes for the monies he received when he was Maior upon the taxes and other monies towardes the 4000*li.* lent to the King. Th'accomptes are laid into the presse.

[p. 250.] Wensday, the 15 day of January, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Bateman (being formerly chosen an Alderman) did take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordingly.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Richard Hollowaye acknowledged that he had received of Richard Underwood the 50*li.* he had of Mr. John

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Kendricke's money, and thereupon the bond was delyvered to Mr. Edward Brackston.

Att this day alsoe Richard Alright came in the behalfe of his sister, Margarett Thurston, to demand her brother Willyam's bill or bond, which was denyed to be delyvered unto him untill the money be paid.

Att this day alsoe Phillip Smith, in consideracion of xiiij*li.* to be paid him quarterly, by equall portions, from the Hall, did undertake and agree for one whole yeare from St. Thomas' day last, as Skavenger, weekely to sweepe and clense such partes and soe much of the Markett places, and to clense and ridd all the grates, and to carry away all the soyle and dong, as Edward Shipwey formerly was wont to doe.

per E. W[ilmer].

Wensday, the 22 day of January, 1644, 20 regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnour *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Att this day ordered and agreed that Phillip Smith shall have his lease of the Shambles forthwith made uppe, and then he is to pay the x*li.*, and to give securitie for the vij*li.*

Alsoe this day it was ordered and agreed that Francis Thackham shall once more goe to Mr. Edward Hamlin to demand the money oweing to the Hall, for which he and his sonne gave bond, before the writt shalbe taken out against them.

Thursdaye, the xxxth day of January, 1644.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

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Att this day a lettre from Mr. Calvert Wright and Jane, his wife, to the Maior and Company, was openly read, therein expressing their readines to doe any act for confirming of the mannor and landes to the Towne, which the late Archbishopp of Canterbury conveyed to the Towne, which lettre is upon the fyle of this yere, with the Towne's answere directed to Sir Orlando Bridgman, knight, whoe was much concerned in the busynes by the said Archbishopp.

Att this day alsoe Mr. Richard Hollowaye acknowledged that he had received of Mrs. Ellinor Castle, widowe, the xxv*li.* which Mr. William Stretch owed to the Hall of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte, and thereupon the bond was delyvered uppe.

Wensdaye, the xijth day of February, 1644.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Att this day Mr. Edward Hamlin desired to have remitted that parte of his fyne which he is to pay upon bond, and to have his bond delyvered uppe. Itt was answered him, if he would bring in the money they would deale very kindly with him.

Att this day alsoe Widow Lowgrove, being required to give new securitie for the xxv*li.* which her husband owed to the Hall, she said (if the Company would abate her 5*li.*, because it is not due this fower yeares and a halfe) she would pay in xx*li.* presently and take upp her bond, which the Company were not willing to doe, but were contented to accept of xxij*li.*, and delyver upp her bond, or ells she to putt in new securitie to pay the 25*li.* when it is due. She is apoynted to give in her answer this day senight.

Att this day alsoe Goodwife Smith desired that her husbande's lease of the Shambles might be made for 99 yeares, if 3 lyves live soe long, which the Company was contented to doe, soe as she did name for the lyves, her husband, her selfe, and one of her

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children, and she is apoynted to give in their names to Mr. Willmer.

[p. 252.] Wensday, the xixth day of February, 1644.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnour *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Att this day Mr. Thomas Harrison desired the Company to pay him some of his moneys which they owed to him. They said they would consider of itt, and on Friday next come senight, which is Quarterday, he should have a full answere; and they conceived it fittinge that he should receive from the Chamberlaine's handes those rentes which are made over to him, for his securitie.

Friday, the xxjth day of February, 1644.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Att this day it was questioned whether the rentes and issues of this Corporacion shall issue out towardes payment of debtes oweing for monyes borrowed, or to pay old necessary dues and paymentes. Referred till this day senight, being Quarterday, for resolucion.

John Wylder, jun., came to demand his money; he promised to bring his witnesses to Mr. Daniell Blagrave on Munday morning next, and then he should receive some answere.

Richard Mountague, a poore aged laboring man, was a suitor for one of John Alarder's Almeshouses, which is now voide by the

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death of one Father Griffin. Referred for his answere till Quarterdaye next.

[p. 253.] Quarterdaye, the viijth day of February, 1644, annoque vicesimo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Mr. Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellow *, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb *, Henry Fruin.

This day Mr. Thomas Harrison came againe to the Hall and demanded aswell his monies to him from the Hall, as alsoe to be freed from his ingagement for the 500*li.*

This day alsoe itt was questioned whether the rentes and revenues of the Hall shall pay debtes, or goe the old and usuall waies to support the Corporacion. Resolved by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIIIIIIIII [15], that the said rentes and revenues shall not pay debtes, but shall goe the old and usuall waies.

After that itt was questioned how Mr. Thomas Harrison should be paid. Resolved, by all the Company present that it shalbe taken into consideracion which way he shalbe paid.

This day alsoe Mr. John Page and Mr. Richard Winch attended the Company, and being tenantes to divers of the landes in Bray, late the Archbishopp's, said they could not hold the landes any longer att the rentes they paid, and desired the Company to take in their leases and to free them, which the Company refused to doe, and the Company said that they would take it into consideracion what certen taxes and paymentes and what casuall and uncerten paymentes shalbe allowed the tenantes, for their better encouragment to hold their leases during theis troublesome tymes. But the

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Company wilbe resolved by some of the Parliament concerning this, and then the tenantes shall receive an answere.

Willyam Smith, dyer, was here againe about some monies which he conceives due to him from the Company, and they answered him that they would consider of itt.

John Wylder, grocer, was alsoe here againe about his demandes, and he was apoynted to attend Mr. Daniell Blagrave att his howse on Munday morning next.

This day alsoe Richard Mountague, a poore old laboring man, was elected and apoynted to be an Almesman in one of John Alarder's Almeshowses, which is now voide by the death of old Father Griffin.

This day alsoe Anne Lowgrove, widow, late wife of William Lowgrove, clothier, deceassed, paid in xxj*li.* to Mr. Richard Hollowaye in full of the xxv*li.* which William Lowgrove owed to the Hall, but not due till Michaelmas, 1649. Itt is part of Sir Thomas White's guifte; and thereupon the bond was delyvered upp by a full consent of all the Company present.

[p. 254.] Wensday, the 5th day of March, 1644.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston*, Mr. Thomas Harrison*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge*, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. William Turnor*, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman*.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This day itt was questioned what Mr. Edward Hamlin shall pay in discharge of his bonds, whether 10*li.* or 6*li.* Voted to pay 10*li.* by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7]. Which 10*li.* Mr. Edward Hamlin paid presently to Mr. Richard Hollowaye, one of the Chamberlens, and thereupon the bond, by a full consent of the Company present, was delyvered upp.

This day alsoe itt was ordered and apoynted that Sir Francis Knollys, knight, should be, from this Company, presented with two sugar loaves, 1 pottle of sacke, and 1 pottle of clarett.

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This day alsoe John Wylder, grocer, came againe to demand monies due to him for tape, and other thinges had for the Kinge's Armie, in the yeare Mr. Thomas Thackham was Maior. The Company answered him that they would further consider of itt.

Upon debate of such debtes oweing by the Company, itt was ordered that Mr. Daniell Blagrave shall move the Committes about the same, and consult with them what course may be taken therein.

This day alsoe Andrew Vivers and William Knight, lynnen-drapers, brought severall noates to the Hall, and informed the Company that Edward Kent, a forreyner, keepeth shopp in the Towne, and hath divers tymes putt to sale, by retaile, sundry wares and marchandizes, contrary to the orders of the Towne. Referred till a fuller Company meetes to resolve what order shalbe taken therein.

Memorandum, Mr. Richard Hollowaye hath received of Thomas Cope the 50*li.* which he owed to the Hall, being parte of Mr. John Kendricke's monies, and thereupon the mortgage was delyvered uppe.

[p. 255.] Wensday, the xijth day of March, 1644.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

This day Mr. Thomas Harrison came againe and demanded of the Company what course they would take for payment of his moneyes. The Company then could not resolve to give him an answere, but referred to another tyme.

Alsoe this day Elizabeth Parr, widow of William Parr, broad-weaver, late deceassed, complayned that Walter Brickett, apprentice to her husband by indenture for 7 yeares, whereof there is 4 yeares and upwardes yett to come, did about 14 daies past run away from her, and refuseth to doe her service, she keeping her husbande's trade, and it being resolved that th' apprentice ought to serve her the rest of the tyme, Edward Poole, constable, was required to have

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th' apprentice to his Dame's howse and to admonishe him to doe his Dame's service, or ells to convey him to the howse of correccion upon refusall to serve her.

Wensday, the xixth day of Marche, 1644.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnour *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Mr. Daniel Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This day a lettre from Sir Orlando Bridgman, knight, touching his advise for further confirmacion of the state made to the Corporacion by the late Lord Archbishopp of Canterbury, of the landes in the parishe of Bray for charitable uses, was read and answered, as appears upon the fyle of this yeare.

Alsoe this day Robert Creed and Edward Browne came to demand monies due to them for bread delyvered to the Kinge's Armies. In answere, they were desired to have further patience, and alsoe the Company promised them they should be paid soe soone as they can compasse in any moneys.

John Wylder, grocer, apoynted to bring in the next weeke a particuler of his demandes for tape, and then to receive some answere.

Phillip Smithe's lease is apoynted to be ingrossed according to the drafte.

Mr. Walter Knight is apoynted to goe on Friday next to Mr. John Hersey to gett copies of the fyne and residue, and to speake with him aboute Mr. Calvert Wrighte's busynes.

[p. 256.] Thursdaye, the xxvijth day of March, 1644, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas

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Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellow *, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb *, Henry Fruin.

Att this day a warrant under the Committees' hand, directed to the Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes of this Boroughe, was openly read, for the taxinge and levyeinge of the weekely some of xxxvij*li.* xj*s.* within the said Boroughe during three monethes, &c. And after serious consideracion had of the state of the inhabitantes, it was for the present resolved and agreed that a peticion shalbe made to the Committees for mittigacion of the said weekely payment acknowledginge their former favours, and shewinge their willingnes to doe something weekely for the advance of the State's service.

Wensday, the second day of Aprill, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Frewin.

Att this daye the examinacion of the 3 poore Maid-servantes to cast lottes for the xx^tie^ nobles on Good Fridaye next was in

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this manner, accordinge to the will of the donor, in each parishe one, vizt.,

1. Mary Good, servant to Thomas Peppes ix yeares at Bartlemewtide next, St. Lawrence parishe.
2. Margarett Rakins, servant to Mr. Richard Jeyes, the 28 of March last x yeares, St. Marie's parishe.
3. Elizabeth Marquick, servant to Mr. Richard Horsingdon 6 yeares and a halfe, St. Giles' parishe.

Alsoe this daye Henry Benwell paid to Mr. Richard Hollowaye x*li.* more of his rent and was appointed to attend againe in Easter weeke next.

Alsoe this day Elizabeth Bird, Mary Palmer, and Anne Burden, were presented as suitors for parte of the Bishopp's money.

[p. 257.] Good Fridaye, the 4th of Aprill, anno Domini 1645, annoque 21mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Mills, John Webb, Henry Frewin *.

The names of the 3 poore Maidservantes which are elected to cast the lottes this daye for the xx^{tie} nobles, vizt.,

1. For St. Lawrence parishe, Mary Good, 9.
2. For St. Mary parish, Margaret Rakins, 8.
3. For St. Giles' parish, Elizabeth Marquick, 12.

Memorandum, this is the fourth yeare after the last fifth yeare for Southcott (if any be capable), but none came.

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Memorandum, this day [*blank*] Martin paid the x*li.* in a new lether purse, according to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and it was by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes paid and distributed, as the will directeth, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Elizabeth Marquick, who this day did win the lott and money in the purse . .	6	13	4
To the Preacher	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church, to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Mary Church, to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' parish, to give to 24 poore weomen, 3*d.* a-peice . .	0	06	0
To the junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence .	0	03	4
To the Clerke and Sexton there . . .	0	06	8
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
In all	10	00	0

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. William Brackston's guifte was this day distributed as his will directeth, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parishe .	1	00	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Mary parish . .	1	00	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	1	00	0
To 20 poore men xij*d.* a-peice; to 7 in St. Mary, 7 in St. Lawrence, and 6 in St. Giles', xij*d.* a-peice	1	00	0
In all	4	00	0

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Willyam Legge's guift was this day distributed as his will directeth, vizt., to 24 poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 8 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	06	08
To 8 in St. Mary parish . . .	1	06	08
To 8 in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	06	08
In all	4	00	00

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Alsoe 3*li.* of Widow Worsleye's guift was this day distributed, as her will directeth, vizt., to 60 poore widowes 12*d.* a-peice, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 25 in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	05	00
To 25 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	05	00
To 10 in St. Mary parish . . .	0	10	00
In all	3	00	00

[p. 258.] This day alsoe Rebecca Hurley, servant to Mr. Thomas Seikes ix yeares, and having the last yeare cast lott for Mr. John Blagrave's gift of xx^{tie} nobles, did freely declyne the castinge of lott for that gifte againe, upon promise of her share of the Bishoppe's money now in hand, to be shortly paid unto her.

This day alsoe Anne Browne, servant to Robert Staples ten yeares at Midsomer, 1644, being a suitor to cast lott this yeare for the said gifte of Mr. John Blagrave's, did freely declyne her suite, in hope to have her share of the said Bishopp's guifte the next tyme that money is to be given amongest the Maidservantes and Towne-borne.

Tuesday, the 8th of Aprill, anno Domini 1645, annoque 21mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Mills *, John Webb, Henry Frewin *.

Att this day the warrant from the Committees for the taxeing the weekly payment of 37*li.* 10*s.* was openly read, and immediatly

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afterwardes the said Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes, with some others out of each parishe, did make the said taxe and assessement thereof, as appeares upon the fyle of this yeare, &c.

Alsoe this day Henry Benwell came againe about his busynes, but by reason of other occasions, he was referred untill next weeke.

Alsoe this day itt was agreed, that Mr. Calvert Wrighte's lettre now received shalbe forthwith answered, which is upon the fyle.

Munday, the xiiijth day of Aprill, 1645, at Mr. Maior's howse.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Memorandum, the deedes declaringe the use of the fyne and recovery, which Mr. Calvert Wright and Jane, his wife, are to acknowledge and suffer of the Bishopp's landes in Bray Court this day, and the lettres of attorney to Mr. Walter Knight touching the same were sealed with the Towne Seale, &c.

[p. 259.] Wenesdaye, the 16th of Aprill, 1645, annoque 21mo [2] regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Mills.

Att this day the Law-daye was holden in and for this Boroughe.

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Nomina Juratorum, vizt.,

Samuell Johnson, primus	jurati.	William Goodale	jurati.
Richard Hunt		John Astin	
William Belchamber		Thomas Glasse	
John Butler		Thomas Browne	
Thomas Kenton		John Philpe	
William Markeham		Edward Stanton	
Joell Stevens		Robert Creed	
Henry Tubb		Henry Bennett.	

Samuell Johnson, Richard Hunt, William Belchamber, Robert Creed . . } Affirors, jurati.

This daye alsoe the Maidservantes appeared about the Bishoppe's money, vizt.,

Katherine Whistler .
Katherine Grantham .
Rebecca Hurley .
Jane Purnell . . } formerly chosen.

Anne Burden, alias Simons, servant to Ellis Knight 9 yeares, IIIII, Mr. Maiour's casting voice, elected.

Elizabeth Bird, servant to Mr. Theophilus Taylor 11 yeares, IIII.

Mary Palmer, servant to [*blank*].

Elizabeth Collins, servant to Henry Creed 7 yeares.

Elizabeth Reddatt, servant to John Smith.

Damaris Norcott, servant to Mr. Phillipps 3 yeares and a halfe.

Alice Deane, servant to Stephen Rigges 8 yeares.

Elizabeth Fynmore, servant to Samuell Johnson 7 yeares.

Elizabeth Blake, servant to William Dinsell.

Alice Stanton, servant to Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Elizabeth Symons, servant to Abraham Passe.

Alice Hancocke, servant to William Wright x yeares.

This daye alsoe Henry Benwell, appearing at Hall was charged to owe for rent 200*li.*

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	[*li.*] [*s.*] [*d.*]
And he prayed these allowances for rent paid to Mr. Thackham	025 00 00
Moore, for moneyes paid to Mr. Richard Holloway at severall times	023 00 00
Moore, for 10 quarters and 3 bushells of barley .	006 04 06
Moore, for 3 bushells and a halfe of wheate .	000 16 04
	055 00 10
Which 055*li.* 10*s.* 10*d.* being abated from .	200 0 0
there remaines	144 19 02
[p. 260.] Alsoe then Henry Benwell tendred bills for taxes, contribucion moneyes, losses of his goodes and quarteringe of soldiers both horse and foote	118 12 2

Which he desired the Company to consider off, and they presently tooke it into consideracion and told the said Henry Benwell that if he would presently pay 30*li.* in money, those bills should be allowed off, and the said Henry Benwell answered that he would paye nothinge and soe went awaye.

Alsoe then John Newbery desired the Company (for Richard Bartlemewe's debt of xxv*li.*, which he standes bound for,) to pay it in this manner, viz., 5*li.* in hand, 10*li.* at Ladye-daye next, 5*li.* at Ladye-day, 1647, and 5*li.* at Ladye-daye, 1648, which the Company were pleased to accept off, soe as he and his sonne-in-lawe, Nicholas Younge, enter into bond for the payment of the same accordingly, and pay the charges of suite alreadye expended; and John Newbery is to have the benefitt of the old bond for the recovery of halfe of the debt of John Milksoopp's executors (if it may be had). Memorandum, it is parte of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte of 100*li.*, which was lent to Richard Bartholmew for x yeares gratis.

Thursdaye, the 17 of Aprill, 1645, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Har-

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rison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

Att this daye Mr. John Page, Mr. Richard Winch and Mr. Thomas Loggins, being tenauntes of the late Archbishoppe's landes in Braye, appeared concerninge the payment of their halfe yeare's rentes due at Ladye-day last.

	li. [*s.*]	[*d.*]
Mr. John Page, his rent being 35*li.*, paid thereof to Mr. Richard Hollowaye . . .	20 00	0
And was allowed the 4th parte of the rent for quartering of souldiers . . .	08 15	0
For contribucion	02 15	6
For cartservice	03 09	6
	35 00	0

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
[p. 261.] Mr. Richard Winch his rent beinge 26*li.* 10*s.* 0*d.* paid thereof to Mr. Richard Hollowaye .	14	01	9
And was allowed the 4th parte of his rent for quarteringe of souldiers . . .	06	12	6
For contribucion	02	06	3
For cartservice	03	09	06
	26	10	0

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Mr. Thomas Loggins his halfe yeare's rent for last landes, 35*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.* paid thereof to Mr. Hollowaye	20	0	0
And was allowed the 4th parte of the rent for quartering of souldiers . . .	[*blank*]		
For contribucion	[*blank*]		
For cartservice	[*blank*]		

Mr. Loggins then promised to bringe in upon Wenesdaye next come sevennight, aswell the xx*li.* which he is to pay, as alsoe his bill of charges.

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Tuesdaye, the 29th of Aprill, 1645, annoque 21mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. William Turnor*, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

This day Henry Alright desired of the Company libertie untill the xjth day of June next, for payment of the 50*li.* which he oweth to the Hall, being parte of Mr. John Kendricke's 500*li.*, which the Company was contented to doe.

This day alsoe Elizabeth Browne, widow, paid in to Mr. Richard Hollowaye three poundes, and then she promised to pay fortye shillinges more, vizt., xx*s.* att Midsomer next, and xx*s.* at Michaelmas next, and then Mr. Walter Knight is to delyver upp her husbande's bond.

This day alsoe Willyam Wylder paid in to Mr. Richard Hollowaye, eight poundes in full of the xj*li.* 5*s.* which he owed unto the Hall upon bill, and Mr. Walter Knight is apoynted to delyver upp the bill.

This day alsoe the difference betwixt Mr. Thomas Thackham and William Smith and Michaell Readinge, was agreed to be referd to Mr. Powell, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Potinger.

Munday next the old Overseers are to bring in their accomptes.

[p. 262.] Munday, the fifth day of May, 1645.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., justice.

Att this day the Overseers for the poore of the [*blank*] severall parishes within the Boroughe brought in their severall accomptes for the yeare now ended, all which accomptes are upon the fyle and doe appeare in the booke kept onely for that purpose.

Fridaye, the 9th day of May, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas

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Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

This daye (after much debate had touchinge the suites now dependinge betwixt Willyam Smith and Michaell Readinge, plaintiffs, and Mr. Thomas Thackham, defendants,) it was ordered and agreed, by consent of all the Company present, that a letter should be forthwith sent to the Right Honourable Willyam Lenthall, Esq., Speaker of the Howse of Commons, thereby desiringe his Honour that he would be pleased to move the Judge to staye the tryall till next terme, which was accordingly done,—a coppy of which letter appeareth upon the file of this yeare.

This day alsoe Mr. Thomas Harrison moved the Company that the fences about the Conduit Close might be made uppe, and thereupon the Company desired him to see it done, and when they did lett itt to any other, the charges thereof should be allowed.

Wenesdaye, the 14th of May, 1645, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc., 21mo.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

This daye Richard Hussey, sen., Richard Hussey, jun., John Barker and John Porter, barbors and freemen within the Towne, complayned that one Robert Hooper, a forreyner, did use the trade of a barbor within the Towne, whereuppon the said Hooper was convented before the Company and warned to departe the Towne by Tuesdaye next come sevenight, and in the meane time to forbeare usinge his trade, which he promysed to doe. Alsoe his landlord Joell Steevens was desired to remove him out of his howse and to hasten him out of towne.

Memorandum, if Mr. Thomas Turnor pay 3*li.* and deliver in his lease of the Ortes, it was agreed that it should be accepted.

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This daye alsoe it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham shalbe paid by the Chamberlaine soe soone as possibly moneyes can be gott in all the charges which he hath and shall expend and pay in the suites brought against him by Willyam Smith and Michaell Readinge.

[p. 263.] Quarterdaye, Fridaye, the xxxth of Maye, 1645, xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woolldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Mr. Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb *, Henry Frewin.

This day John Kente's lease was sealed by consent of all the Company present.

Alsoe this day William Stanton was required to pay the vij*li.* rent due at Lady-day last, he answered that he could not pay soe much, by reason he could not enjoye the howse to his owne use, and he desired some abatement (which was not then consented unto).

Alsoe this day divers poore old men attended as suitours for Sir Thomas Vachell's Almeshouses, and they were put off till Mr. Tanfeild Vachell cometh home.

Alsoe this day Mr. Edward Poole and Mr. Samuell Jemmott, constables, came and demanded how they should be paid such monyes as they had layed out. They were desired to attend another tyme and then they should be resolved.

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Wensday, the fourth day of June, 1645, xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This day the Constables, Mr. Strowde and Mr. Jemmott, were appointed to attend next Wensdaye, about their monyes which they have layed out.

This day alsoe Margarett Thurston, widow, being sued by the Company for a certen debt, her brother-in-lawe, Richard Alright, desired that the suite might be stayed, and thereupon itt was referred to Mr. Tanfeild Vachell and Mr. Daniell Blagrave to end the same.

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that Doctour John Pordage shalbe paid fyve and twentye poundes out of the late Archbishopp's guifte, for his paines in officiatinge the cure in St. Lawrence parishe Church the last halfe yeare ended att Lady-day in March last past.

This day alsoe the maides were apoynted to attend next Wensday about the late Archbishopp's guifte.

per Edwardum Wylmer.

[p. 264.] Wenesdaye, the 11th of June, anno Domini, 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

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Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Mr. Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne *, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Mills *, John Webb *, Henry Frewin.

[Remark, *in margin.*] This day Captaine Goddard brought word from the Govenor, that he would not protect any souldyer from being arrested butt those that were in his owne company, or that did receive pay from the Committees, and thereupon Mr. Thomas Harrison proceeded in his accion against John Webb.

This day alsoe it was[3] ordered and agreed that John Fruin (payeing Mr. William Turnour's arrerages of rent) shall have a lease of the plottes of grounde and brickbuyldinge lyeinge on the south side of St. Marie's Church-yard, betwixt John Fruin's tenement there on the west parte, and the little Churchyard gate on the east parte, for 99 yeares (if 3 lives soe longe shall lyve), att 13*s.* 4*d.* rent per annum, &c., (if Elizabeth, his wife, and John and Elizabeth, his sonne and daughter, lyve).

This day alsoe Robert Westmerland promised before this day senight, to give bond to the parishe of St. Giles for payment of x*li.* with interest, to the use of the poore, which he oweth.

This day alsoe Mrs. Stampe promised to pay the iij*li.* x*s.* to the Overseers for the poore of St. Giles' parishe, which her husband had in his handes of the poore's money, she having libertie to nominate xx poore people to the Overseers to have xij*d.* a-peice.

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that a letter of attorney shalbe made to the 3 serjeantes to distreyne for Mr. Thomas Harrison's rent due to John Alarder's Almesmen.

And as for Captaine Goddarde's rent due to the same Almesmen, it was resolved that Mr. Daniell Blagrave should speake with the Govenor aboute the same.

The answere of William Moore's peticion is referd till next Wensdaye, against which tyme Phillip Smith and his wife are to have notice to attend the busynes.

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that John Wylder, jun., shall have a lease of those 3 little shoppes in the Fisher Rew under the north side of the Woolhall, now or late in the occupacions

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of John Creed, Barton Turnor and Richard Shawe, for xxj yeares at xx*s.* rent per annum, alwaies provided he bring in the old leases and seale a generall release to the Company and alsoe a generall release to Mr. Thomas Thackham.

This day alsoe Mr. Richard Hollowaye, in the Councell Chamber received the vij*li.* x*s.* which Hugh Smith, of Bradfeild, now paid in full of the 25*li.* which William Underwood owed to the Hall, being part of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte.

per Edwardum Wylmer.

[p. 265.] Thursday, the xijth day of June, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston *, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Willyam Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

This day it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Richard Hollowaye shall pay to Mr. Thomas Pococke, the schoolemaster, fyve pounds towardes his paines in teachinge the schollers and supplyeinge the schoole the last halfe yeare ended at Lady-day in March last past.

per Edwardum Wylmer.

This day alsoe, the two ten poundes formerly received by Mr. John Jenninges and Mr. Peter Burningham, which should have beene paid to the Maiour (for the tyme being) towardes the enterteyninge of the visitours, &c., was questioned, but not fully resolved upon, &c.

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that the said Mr. Richard Hollowaye shall this day pay to the fyve towne Maides, for their severall shares of the said Archbishopp's money, xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* a-peice, out of such monies as he hath in his handes.

Wensdaye, the 18th day of June, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr.

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Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Mr. Tanfeild Vachell present.

This day Thomas Hambleton, Richard Broadbanke and Bartholmew Haines, three aged poore men, were elected and apoynted by Mr. Tanfeild Vachell and the Maior and Aldermen to be almesmen in Sir Thomas Vachell's Almeshowse, in the three severall roomes there, now voide by the deathes of Edward London, Robert Legg and Abraham Paice.

This day alsoe Phillip Smith and his wife and William Moore were apoynted to attend againe next weeke.

This day alsoe Robert Hooper, a barber, (being a forreynor) was againe warned to departe the Towne by Mundaye next.

This day alsoe William Smith desired a resolucion of his busynes, and thereupon the Company, (Mr. William Trumbull being present) did conceive itt fitting that an order should be entred, that William Smith shalbe paid his money when the King payeth the Towne, and in the meane-tyme his bills to be viewed and ordered by Mr. Daniell Blagrave.

[p. 266.] Wensdaye, the 25 June, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne *, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston *, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

This day Robert Hooper was againe warned to be gone out of the Towne, with his wife and children, by Tuesday next.

Agreed that a warrant shalbe made to levie the penaltie of 6*s.* 8*d.* upon those persons that sett stalls in the markett contrary to the orders of the Towne.

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This day the Company demanded of Mr. John Chamberlaine their rentes due for his parte of the Ortes, but he refused to pay any.

This day alsoe Mr. Thomas Seikes proffered to pay 3*li.* 10*s.* for Mr. Thomas Turnour's rent for one yeare for his parte of the Ortes, which was then refused.

This day alsoe Mr. Richard Holloway made it knowne that he had received of Henry Alright the 50*li.* which he had, being parte of Mr. John Kendricke's 500*li.*

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that a lettre of attorney shalbe made to the 3 serjeantes to distreyne for Mr. John Chamberlaine's rent, which is due and unpaid.

Mundaye, the 30th day of June, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Willyam Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

This day the rent rolle for the Hall and the rent rolle for charitable uses being perused, divers men were founde to be behinde with their rentes, and thereupon it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Walter Knight should forthwith send for writtes against some of them, whose names he presently tooke, and that lettres of attorney should be made to the serjeantes to distreyne for Mrs. Jenninges' and Mr. John Chamberlen's rentes arrere.

Wensdaye, the 9th day of July, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne *, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *.

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This day Robert Hooper was againe warned to be gone out of the Towne by Tuesdaye next, at his perill, with his wife and children.

This day alsoe Edward Wylmer, junior, was elected to be an Attorney in this Court in place of Francis Seikes, gentleman, lately deceassed, and thereupon did presently take his oath to execute the office of an Attorney accordingly.

This day alsoe the Churchwardens and Overseers for the poore of the parishe of St. Lawrence desired the Company to have some of the Bishopp's next money, to bynde two poore boyes of that parishe apprentices, viz., Jenninges Greene, sonne of Maurice Greene, apprentice to William Grantham, carpenter, and Arthur Randall, sonne of Thomas Randall, apprentice to Edward Backhowse, carpenter, which was promised, soe as the Masters give securitie to keepe the boyes duringe their apprentishipps and to give them some of the monies att th'end of their tymes.

Willyam Moore's and his mother-in-lawe's busynes is referred till another tyme.

Mr. Hatton Welbecke demanded 3*li.* for carriage of stones in Mr. Thackham's yeare to Caversham Bridge. He acknowledged to have received 30*s.* thereof from Mr. Brackston, and was contented to stay till Michaelmas next for the other xxx*s.*

This day alsoe a warrant under the Committees' hand, directed to the Maior, Aldermen and Assistantes of this Boroughe, was read, for the taxing and levyeing the weekely some of 4*li.* 4*s.* 8*d.* ¾*q.* duringe twelve monethes, from the first day of September, 1644, amountinge in the whole to the some of 220*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, for the present releife of the Brittishe Armye in Ireland.

Alsoe another warrant from the said Committees was read, for the taxing and levyeinge of the weekely some of 37*li.* 11*s.* within the said Boroughe duringe 3 monethes from the second day of June last.

Agreed to meete on Munday morninge next to consider of theis warrantes.

Memorandum, Mr. Richard Hollowaye received in the Councell Chamber, by the handes of Edward Wylmer, the fyve poundes which John Newbery paid in for parte of the 25*li.* which Richard Bartlemew owed as parte of Richard Johnson's guifte of 100*li.*

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Munday, the xxjth day of July, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne *, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Thomas Dewell *, Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe *, William Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, James Arnold *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Frewin.

Then the first monethe's assessement within the 3 parishes in Readinge was agreed on, which was due and should have been paid, by virtue of the former warrant, the second day of this instant July, viz., 37*li.* 11*s.* the weeke.

Then it was agreed that Richard Goddard, clothier, should have 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money for ten yeares, he putting in 3 sureties with himselfe for the repayment thereof, viz., Richard Jeyes, Vincent Goddard, William Cole.

Then alsoe it was agreed that Richard Underwood, clothier, should have 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money for ten yeares, he putting in 3 sureties with himselfe for the repayment thereof, viz., Edward Brackston, John Webb, Thomas Underwood.

[p. 268.] Wensdaye, the sixth day of August, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Anthony Brackston *, Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. William Turnor *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

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Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This day the Churchwardens and Overseers for the poore of the parishe of St. Giles in Readinge desired to have some of the Bishopp's next money to bynde Thomas Tucker, sonne of Francis Tucker, deceassed, apprentice to William Blacknall, clothworker, which was promised, &c.

This day alsoe George Harrison, a forreyner, peticioned to be admitted a freeman within the Boroughe, which was denyed by this number of voices, viz., IIIIII [6].

This day alsoe George Lamport and William Knight, lynnendrapers, desired some course to be taken against Edward Kent, a forreyner, for his keeping of shoppe, tradinge in the Towne, and selling wares by retaile, contrary [to] the antient orders of the Towne, and thereupon it was ordered that a warrant shalbe made to one of the serjeantes at the mace to levie five poundes of the goodes of the said Edward Kent forfeited by him for his keeping of shoppe and selling of wares by retaile, as aforesaid, by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIII [7].

Then alsoe it was agreed, that Mr. Richard Hollowaye (out of such monies as he hath in his handes) shall pay within two daies next unto William Smith, in full of his and his brother Readinge's charges of suite against Mr. Thomas Thackham, sixteene poundes in money. And in consideracion thereof, then alsoe it was ordered and agreed that the said Willyam Smith and his brother Michaell Readinge shalbe paid their severall debtes, which shalbe justlye due to them for dyeinge of clothes for the Kinge's armie, and which they clayme from the Company or Mr. Thomas Thackham, when the King shall pay to the Towne the 1500*li.* which the Towne disbursed in that behalfe.

per me Edwardum Wylmer.

[p. 269.] Wenesdaye, the 13th of August, 1645, annoque xxj^me^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen present.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

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Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Peter Thorne, James Arnold, Willyam Wylder, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Frewin.

This day Mr. Anthony Brackston, one of the Aldermen of this Corporacion, (for his long absence and neglect in givinge any attendance at the Hall and assistance to this Company,) was quite removed and dismissed from his office and place of an Alderman, and from the Company by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8].

This day alsoe Mr. William Turnor, one of the Aldermen of this Corporacion, (for his long absence and neglect in givinge any attendance att the Hall and assistance to this Company) was quite removed and dismissed from his office and place of an Alderman and from the Company by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIII [8].

This day alsoe Mr. Peter Thorne, one of the Assistantes, and now chosen to be an Alderman, in the place of Mr. Anthony Brackston, by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIII [9], did take his oath to execute the office of an Alderman accordinglye.

This day alsoe Mr. James Arnold, one of the Assistantes, was chosen to be an Alderman, in the place of Mr. William Turnor, by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIII [9].

This day alsoe Willyam Milles and Thomas Cope, two of the Burgesses of this Towne, were chosen to be Assistantes to this Company.

This day alsoe it was agreed that Robert Creed shall execute the place of foreman in the Jury, in the place of Mr. Samuell Johnson, now prisoner in Windsor Castle.

Ordered, that Mr. Thomas Harrison and Mr. Thomas Duell shalbe both warned to give their attendance there this day senight, to give their answere whether they will remayne in the Company, yea or nay.

Wenesdaye, the xxth daye of August, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Aldermen present.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne.

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Assistantes.

William Gandye, Humfrey Milles, John Webb.

This daye William Milles and Thomas Cope (being formerly chosen Assistantes in this Company) did take their severall oathes to execute the office of Assistantes accordingly.

This daye alsoe it was ordered and agreed that the fees of this Court, now in the Attorneye's handes, and the perquisites, profittes and fees of the said Court from henceforward arrisinge shalbe paid to the Mayor for the time beinge in liew of his accustomed fee, and that henceforwardes the accions to be yssueinge forth in the Mayor's name for the time beinge.

Memorandum, the freemen butchers desired that Willyam Grover, a forreyner, might be removed or punished for keepinge a butcher's shoppe contrary to the antient orders of the Towne, &c.

[p. 270.] Fridaye, the xxijth daye of August, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne *, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston,' justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. [*blank*].

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Thomas Dewell *, Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, William Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles *, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope.

Whereas the Committees desired to borrow of the Company and some other able men in the Towne the summe of 240*li.*, to be repaid by them within xx^tie^ daies next comminge, thereupon Mr. Mayor did warne the Company and some able men in each parish to appeare this daye at Hall by 8 of the clock, and then made the Committees' request knowne unto them, who for the most parte of them answered that they had noe money and could not lend, &c.

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Eleccion daye, die Lune, 25° Augusti, anno Domini 1645, annoque 21mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. Georg Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Thomas Dewell *, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Fruin, William Milles, Thomas Cope.

Att this daye the Mayor and Aldermen, by direccions of their charter, did name 3 of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this daye, (being the last Mundaye in August) in their Towne Hall, to the intent and purpose that one of those 3 Aldermen soe named by the said Mayor, the rest of the said Aldermen and Assistantes present this daye, should be elected Mayor of this Boroughe for the next yeare comminge, as in and by their charter itt is required, vizt.,

1. Mr. George Woldridge, IIIIIIIIII [10] IIIIIIIII [9], elected Maior.
2. Mr. Richard Hollowaye.
3. John Harrison.

Att this day alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Boroughe to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as the charter requireth, vizt.

1. Willyam Wylder, IIIIIIIIII [10].
2. John Webb, IIIIIIIIII [10].

This day alsoe Mr. Thomas Dewell, one of the Assistantes of this Company, for his long absence and neglect in giving any attendance att the Hall and assistance to this Company, was quite removed and dismissed from his office and place of an Assistant, and from the Company, by this number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIIIIII [12].

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[p. 271.] This day alsoe Willyam Belchamber, one of the Burgesses of this Towne, was chosen to be an Assistant to this Company in the place of Mr. Thomas Dewell by this number of voices, vizt., IIIIIII [7].

Mr. George Thorne, jun., Fardinando Clerke, and William Belchamber are all to be warned to attend att Hall on Wensdaye next come senight.

Thursdaye, the xxviij^th day of August, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior elect;* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Henry Fruin, William Milles, Thomas Cope.

This day a second warrant concerning the 220*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, for the reliefe of Ireland, was openly read, &c., and thereupon it was ordered and agreed that a peticion shalbe forthwith exhibited to the Right Honorable the Committee of both Kingdomes for respiting of the said taxe untill the Towne shalbe better able to pay the same. And Mr. Maior is apointed to carry the peticion and to attend the same.

Mundaye, the 15° of September, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison.

Assistantes.

William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Henry Frewin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope.

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Att this daye Mr. Mayor made knowne to the Company present that the peticion made by the Company to the Comittee of the Lordes and Commons for Ireland, about the respitinge of the payment for Ireland, could not be granted. But by reason of the fewnesse of the Company, nothing was agreed on, but deferred till a fuller Company should meete.

Forasmuch as a fast is to be kept on Fridaye next, by order of Parliament, it was agreed, by consent of all the Company present, that the Quarter-daye (then beinge) the businesse thereof should be deferred till the Tuesdaye followeinge.

[p. 272.] Quarter-daye, Tuesdaye, the 23° September, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Woldridge, *elect;* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Walter Fellowe *, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles *, John Webb, Henry Frewin, William Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

This daye Willyam Belchamber (being formerly chosen an Assistant to this Company) did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordinglye.

This day alsoe Mr. Maior made it knowne that (towardes the necessary reliefe of the visited people and setting upp of the pest-howses this yeare) he had layed out and paid xxvj*li.*, and upwardes, and thereupon it was agreed that Mr. Maior should make a taxe of [*blank*] weekes' pay accordinge to the severall colleccion bookes for the repayment of his money.

Then it was agreed, that John Bartlett, clothier, shall have 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money for x yeares from St. James' day last,

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he putting in 3 sureties with himself for the repayment thereof, viz., Clement Marlowe, John Braye, Thomas Bartlett.

Then alsoe it was agreed that Mathew Wolfe, clothier, shall have 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money for x yeares from St. James' day last, he putting in 3 sureties with himselfe for the repayment thereof, viz., Thomas Froome, John Kent, John Rose.

Then alsoe it was agreed that Robert Ferman, a clothier, shall have xxv*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's money for x yeares from St. James' day last, he puttinge in 3 sureties with himselfe for the repayment thereof, viz., [*blank*].

Then alsoe William Stanton sent by his wife 5*li.*, for the 4*li.* of William Legge's gifte and 3*li.* of Widow Worsley's gifte, which he should have paid on Good Friday last, and it was distributed thus; viz., to 24 poore housholders in Readinge, 2*s.* 6*d.* a-peice of William Legge's gifte, 3*li.*

To 8 in St. Mary parishe.
To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 8 in St Giles' parishe.

To 60 poore widowes in Readinge 8*d.* a-peice, of Widow Worsley's gifte, xl*s.*

To 25 in St. Giles' parishe.
To 25 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 10 in St. Mary parishe.

[p. 273.] Wensdaye, the first day of October, 1645.

Then present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Symon Dee, *Maior.* Mr. George Woldridge, *elect*, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Then it was ordered and agreed that the second monethe's assessment due the second day of August last, by vertue of the last warrant under the Committees' handes for contribucion money, shalbe forthwith rated and assessed upon the inhabitantes within the Boroughe, accordinge to the last assessment, which is to be accompted for 2 monethes' pay to the 2d day of October, after the halfe pay and rate of 18*li.* 15*s.* 6*d.* the weeke.

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Then alsoe it was ordered and agreed that the taxe of 220*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.* for the releife of Ireland shalbe forthwith rated and assessed, accordinge to the severall colleccion bookes, after 110 weekes' pay, &c.

[p. 274.] Mundaye, the sixth of October, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo^ Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, *elect;* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. William Brackston, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne*, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe*, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke*, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Frewin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

Att this day Mr. George Wooldridge, the newe elected Mayor, (by direccions of the charter) in the presence of his last predecessor Maior, and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes then being, did take his Corporall oathes, vizt.,

1. The oath of Supremacye.
2. The oath of Maior and Justice of Peace and Quorum of and in this Boroughe and the liberties thereof.
3. The oath to doe the office of the Clerke of the Markett within this Boroughe duringe the time of his Mayoraltie there.

And then alsoe Mr. Simon Dee, the last Mayor, did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Boroughe duringe one wholle yeare next comminge.

And then alsoe Mr. Willyam Wylder and Mr. John Webb (being formerly chosen Chamberlaines) did take their oathes to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordinglye.

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And then alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did nominate and apointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Boroughe for this yeare, vizt.,

John Chandler Willyam Bisley Roger Stevens	Constables, jurati.
Solomon Barnard, jun. John Myles, jun. Richard Hussey, jun. Willyam Castell	gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
Thomas Kinge Francis Lewingdon	gardiani Minster Ward, jurati.
Francis Barnard Thomas Smith	gardiani Old Ward, jurati.
Richard Clarke Willyam Wooddes	gardiani New Ward, jurati.
Richard Stampe John Kent	gardiani London Ward, jurati.

And then alsoe it was ordered and agreed that the antient fee of 60*li.* shalbe paid to Mr. George Woldridge (being Maior), as formerly, out of the Hall rentes, if they may be had, &c.

And then alsoe Sir Thomas Manwaringe, knight, (being Steward of this Boroughe, for his long absence and not givinge attendance to this Company) was putt out and quite removed from his office and place of Steward by this number of voices, vizt., IIIIII IIIIII [12].

And then alsoe Daniell Blagrave, Esquire, with a unanimous consent, was freely elected Steward of this Boroughe, in the roome of the said Sir Thomas Manwaringe, by this number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIIIIII [12].

[p. 275.] Wensdaye, the viijth day of October, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Symon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne.

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Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Att this day itt was agreed that Mr. Symon Dee (out of the taxe) shall pay to Goodwife Lovejoye fortye shillinges for her paines aboute the visited people.

Then alsoe the Maior and Aldermen did lett unto Thomas King the tolle of the Markett for one whole yeare from Michaelmas day last, att and for the rent of 38*li.*, to be paid monthly be equall portions, beginninge his first payment att the first month's end, which Thomas King did then accept.

Then alsoe agreed that Francis Thackham (payeinge iij*li.*) shalbe acquitted of all arreres of rent for the faires to this daye.

Willyam Moore, as apoynted, to attend againe next weeke.

Mr. Christofer Turnour's busynes was referred till he peticioneth.

Mundaye, the 13th of October, anno Domini, 1645, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb *, Henry Frewin, William Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

Att this day and tyme the warrant from Francis Pile, Barronett, Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, directed to the said Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses, for the electing of one Burgesse for the present Parliament for this Burroughe in the place of Sir Francis Knollys, jun., late deceassed, was openly read and understood, and then and there, by virtue of the said warrant, did proceede to the eleccion with the Communaltie congregated, first putting into eleccion,

Tanfeild Vachell, Esq., IIIIIIIIIIIII [13] IIIIIIIII [9], elected.

Willyam Ball, Esq.

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Mr. William Ball desired to have them poled whiche voted, and it was denyed by the Maior and Company, for that the said Maior and Company, uppon the view, did adjudge Mr. Tanfeild Vachell to have most voices by two to one, &c.

Memorandum, before the eleccion the said Mr. Willyam Ball desired to be made a Burgesse of the Towne, or to be admitted a freeman of the Boroughe, and it was answered by the Company, that the number of Burgesses was full, and that they did not admitt any freemen, save onely tradesmen.

[p. 276.] And afterwardes the same day, aboute 7 a-clocke att night, att Mr. Mayour's house, the Indenture certifyeing to the Sheriffe that Mr. Tanfeild Vachell was chosen Burgesse for the Parliament, in the place of Sir Francis Knollys, jun., knight, deceassed, was signed and sealed by Mr. Maior, with the consent of theise Aldermen present, viz.,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior*. Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Peter Thorne.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Wensdaye, the 15th October, 1645, 21° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Peter Thorne.

This day William Moore and his mother-in-law are referred till next weeke concerninge their busynes.

Memorandum, this day there was delyvered to Mr. Richard Hollowaye xxxvij*li.* xij*s.*, which was lefte by Mr. Page and Mr. Winch for rent for Bray landes of the Bishopp's guifte, due att Michaelmas last.

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[p. 277.] Wenesdaye, the nineteenth of November, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridge, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee *, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, William Wylder *, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Fruin *, William Milles *, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber *.

This day it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Richard Hollowaye shall for the present pay to Mr. Thomas Pococke, the schoolemaster, fyve poundes out of the Bishopp's monyes.

Att this day the Lawedaye for the Boroughe was holden.

Nomina Juratorum, vizt.,

Clement Marlowe, juratus primus.

John Bartlett	jurati.	Robert Staples	jurati.
Henry Cleyton		Francis Tossell	
Thomas Goade		Willyam Bennett	
Richard Stockwell		Richard Merrifeild	
James Blewett		Willyam Cowdrey	
Richard Levens		Thomas Wylder	
Robert Smart		Willyam Page	
James Hunt		Gregory Hersey.	

Clement Marlowe, John Bartlett, Henry Cleyton, Thomas Goade . . } assignati Affirers et jurati.

The Jury apoynted to give in their verdict the Wensday next before Lady-day next.

Memorandum, Mr. Richard Hollowaye then acknowledged that he had received of Richard Westwood, clothier, fifteene poundes

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more in full of the xxv*li.* which he owed to the Hall of Sir Thomas White's money; and thereupon the bond was delyvered uppe.

Searchers and Overseers for true making of woollen cloth, sworne and bounde in 40*li.* a-peice, &c. [*Their names are not given.*]

Robert Kent Richard Clark	Sealers of leather, jurati.
James Berney John Collyns	Searchers for flesshe.
Thomas Pepps Mathew Turnour	Fish tasters.
William Price [*blank*]	Aletasters.
William Potter [*blank*]	Haywardes.

[p. 278.] Wenesdaye, the xxvjth of November, 1645, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee *, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Fruin, William Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber.

Att this day another warrant from Sir Francis Pile, barronett, Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, directed to the said Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses, for the electinge of one Burgesse for this Boroughe for the present Parliament, in the place of Sir Francis Knollys, jun., knight, late deceassed, was openly read and under-

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stood, and itt being fast-day and the Company making hast to Churche, after some debate, the question was, whether the Eleccion should be to-morrow or on Munday next, and it was voted to be on Munday next by this number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIII [8] IIIIIIII [8].

Memorandum, Mr. Richard Hollowaye then acknowledged that he had received of Henry Fruin and John Chandler the xxv*li.* for which they stood bound to the Hall for William Shottocke, being parte of Sir Thomas White's money, and thereupon the bond was delyvered uppe.

[p. 279.] Munday, the first day of December, anno Domini 1645, [21°] regni Regis, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Symon Dee, justices ; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder *, Samuell Johnson *, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber.

This day the last mencioned warrant from Sir Francis Pile for the electinge of a Burgesse for the Parliament was openly read in the Towne Hall and alsoe the ordinance of Parliament for some direccions in the Eleccion, and then and there, by virtue thereof, did proceed to the eleccion with the Comunaltie of the Towne congregated, first puttinge into eleccion,

Tanfeild Vachell, Esq.,

Willyam Ball, Esq.

After the votes on either parte, with an u[n]animous consent, they proceeded to polinge, which held them in worke till aboute 4 of the clocke in the afternoone, and after the polinge was ended,

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itt was made knowne and declared, that the number of votes for Mr. Vachell was 560, and the number for Mr. Ball 309 and no more, and soe, night being come, the inhabitantes departed for that tyme.

The next morninge, being Tuesdaye, the second day of December, 1645, there mett in the Councell Chamber theise Aldermen and Assistantes, vizt.,

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Symon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Humfrey Milles, Henry Fruin, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

The Company being informed that Mr. Maior and Mr. Ball and his partie, the last night by candle light, mett in the Towne hall and there framed an Indenture and signed and sealed itt for the returne of Mr. Ball, as chosen Burgesse for the Parliament, theise severall questions followeinge were putt, vizt.,

First, whether the Company would take into consideracion the casting out of names of them that voted for either parte upon their exceptions.

Resolved, that they would not, neither had they any power soe to doe.

Secondly, whether att the eleccion Mr. Vachell or Mr. Ball had most votes.

Resolved, that Mr. Vachell had most by 250 voices.

Thirdly, whether the Indenture should bee returned under the Towne Seale for Mr. Vachell or Mr. Ball.

Resolved, that itt should bee speedilye returned for Mr. Vachell whose right it was.

[p. 280.] Fourthly, whether the Company are of opinion that this delaye of Mr. Mayor in sealinge of the Indenture now tendred, and in doeinge Mr. Vachell justice, will proove prejudiciall.

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Resolved, that they are of opinion, that it wilbe prejudiciall to the Parliament, to this Company, to the Towne and to Mr. Vachell.

Memorandum, Mr. Maior then confessed, that he had sett his hande and seale to Mr. Ball's Indenture as a private man, givinge his voate for him, and not as a publick man.

Alsoe Mr. Ball, being then desired to come into the Councell Chamber, did acknowledg that Mr. Maior did sett his hand and seale to his Indenture as a private man, (givinge his voate for him) and not as a publick man, and further said he did forbeare to presse Mr. Mayor to sett the Towne Seale and his hand as a publick man, for that he knew it would be very prejudiciall to him.

Memorandum, the Indenture was afterwardes againe tendred by Mr. Vachell and he required the Mayor and Company to signe and seale the same for his dispatch to the Parliament, which Indenture was signed, sealed and delivered to the Sheriffe's use, and afterwardes taken upp by Mr. Maior, whoe carried away the same and promised to returne that to the Company within 2 or 3 houres, which was not done.

The next morninge beinge Wenesdaye, the third day of December, 1645, there mett in the Councell Chamber theise Aldermen and Assistantes, vizt.,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Henry Frewin, Humfrey Milles.

This daye itt was ordered and agreed that Mr. Richard Hollowaye shall this daye paye to Mr. Thomas Pococke, the schoolemaster, tenn poundes as parte of the Bishopp's money.

This daye alsoe Mr. Vachell againe required Mr. Maior to doe him justice, and to returne the Indenture concerninge his eleccion, &c., which Mr. Maior delayed by sayeing he would consider

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of itt, and after much tyme spent, said he would returne the one and the other by William Belchamber (which the Company refused for that he was for Mr. Ball), and at last, after more time spent, said he would returne the Indentures himselfe. Whereupon the Company present protested against the act done by Mr. Maior on Mr. Ball's behalfe, and said Mr. Maior should loose his fee for soe doeing without their consent and agreament. And thereupon the Company did rise and did order and agree to peticion the Howse of Commons concerninge this businesse and to certifye the proceedinges thereof. Mr. Maior went home. The rest of the Company staid and framed their peticion, then sent to Mr. Maior to come to Hall to acquaint him with the contentes thereof. The Serjeant brought his aunswer and said he would consider of itt; after some distance of time they sent againe to him, and then he came, and as soone as he came into the Chamber, demanded of them by what authoritie they sent for him, they said to acquaint him [with] what they had done, and soe he turned himselfe about and would not have patience to heare them but went his waye. And afterwardes they signed the peticion, the coppye whereof appeareth in the next leafe.

[p. 281.] To the Right Honorable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled, the humble Peticion of the Aldermen and Assistantes of the Boroughe of Readinge. Humbly shewe,

That whereas the Maior and Aldermen received a precept from the Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, bearinge date 24° November, 1645, requiringe them to chuse a Burgesse of Parliament for the said Boroughe, instead of Sir Francis Knollis, the younger, deceassed, in pursuance whereof due notice was given to the inhabitantes of the said Boroughe to attend the service uppon Mundaye, 1° December, 1645, at the Common Hall in Readinge aforesaid, where, after the votes were given for each partie, the polle was desired by Tanfield Vachell and William Ball, Esqrs., that soe the eleccion (where it fell) might be cleere and unquestionable. After the pole was ended the votes were numbred by the Maior and Aldermen, the number of votes for Mr. Vachell beinge 560, and the number for Mr. Ball beinge 309, and noe more. Thereupon the Maior and Aldermen put it to the question in their Councell Chamber for whome the Indenture should be returned. Resolved for Mr. Vachell to whome the right (without all peradventure)

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belonges. Yet, notwithstandinge the Maior of the Towne givinge his vote for Ball (although he hath confessed that he is convinced in his judgment and conscience that 'tis Mr. Vachell's right) by the number of voices, and thereupon did signe, seale and deliver the Indenture to the use of the Sheriffe for Mr. Vachell, yet by the persuasion of a discontented partie in the Towne, who (as we conceive) resolve never to be satisfyed, keepes the said Indenture in his hands, protractinge time on purpose (as wee are informed) till Mr. Ball cann take some exceptions against Mr. Vachell's partie, although there are more exceptions, or as many, as wee conceive, to be taken against Mr. Ball's, insomuch that the division in the Towne growes soe high, that wee feare the consequence thereof wilbe very sad.

The premisses considered, the Peticioners' humble desire is, that your Honours would take the wholle carriage of the businesse into your consideracions and that the Maior (for prevencion of further mischeiffe to the Towne) may be compelled to shew cause (if he can) why he retardes the doeing of justice, keepinge the Indenture in his hand on purpose (as we conceive) to crosse Mr. Vachell, who is a gentleman that the Towne and Countye have reason to honour for his constant adheringe to the Parliament in the cause of the Gospell. All which, notwithstandinge, wee most humbly submitt to your Honours' most grave wisedomes and judgmentes, daily prayeinge, &c.

Wensday, the xth day of December, 1645.

There were present in the Councell Chamber theise Aldermen, vizt.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr George Thorne, sen., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

This day William Shervill, peticioned to have x*li.* of the Bishopp's money to bynde Isack, his sonne, apprentice to himselfe, who was answered that it could not be done, because it was against the Bishopp's direccions, &c.

This day alsoe George Harrison, a forreyner, peticioned to be admitted a freeman, whoe (for his answer) was referred till Fridaye next senight, being Quarter-daye.

Alsoe this day Thomas Kenton, a clothier, desired to have one of the xxv*li.* referred till next Quarter-daye for his answere.

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[p. 282.] Wensdaye, the xvth daye of December, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^{mo}. regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Mayor*. Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *.

This daye Thomas Browne was sent for about the 40*s*. his mother owes to the Hall and should have byn paid att Michaellmas last, whoe said that tradinge was soe bad he could not yett pay itt and desired time till Candlemas, and then he would paye the same, which was consented unto, and it was agreed that Mrs. Stamp should have the said 40*s*. when Thomas Browne or his mother payeth the same in parte of her debt.

Alsoe Robert Welbect and Hugh Smith, Overseers for the poore of St. Giles' parishe, againe complained that Mrs. Stampe refused to paye the poore's money which shee had in her handes; whereupon Mr. Maior sent for her to come to the Hall, and shee sent her sonne Richard, who said that shee would pay the money if shee might receave the money that was due to her husband from the Hall, to whome answer was made that that was another businesse, and wished him to tell his mother that shee must presently pay it, or otherwise, they would take speedye course to force her to paye it.

This day alsoe Mr. John Harrison, beinge Chamberlaine for Charitable uses for two yeares ended at Michaellmas, viz., from Michaellmas, 1643, to Michaellmas, 1645, did make his accompt of his receiptes and disbursmentes thereof, which accompt is pinned to his rentrolle nowe delivered in, and there plainely appeareth.

This daye alsoe William Beisley, one of the Constables of this Borough, complained that about a weeke past, he being in execution of his office required Robert Creed to aide him, who turned himselfe about and would not, and said, what, shall I aide you to pull my

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neighbour by the throate, whereupon the Constable desired justice in this businesse and departed. Afterwardes Robert Creed was sent for, and he, beinge questioned about the businesse, was contented to submitt himselfe, and to stand to Mr. Maior's judgment and censure therein.

Memorandum, Edward London acknowledged then to owe to the Hall xxvj*s.* viij*d.* for the rent of his late father's house, parte of John Alarder's rentes, and promised to pay itt att Easter next.

[p. 283.] Quarter-daye, Friday, the xixth of December, 1645, annoque xxj^mo^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *.

Then it was agreed that every Alderman, upon every Lorde's daye and att other times, that shall come to the House of God without his gowne, shall forfeit 3*s.* 4*d.* for every defaulte.

Alsoe agreed that every Alderman and Assistant, that on Quarter-daies, and other generall meetinge daies and Court daies, shall come to the Church or Hall, or Court, without his gowne, shall likewise forfeit 3*s.* 4*d.* for every defaulte, which severall forfeitures, it is agreed, shalbe ymploied to the use of the poore of the parish, where such defaulte shalbe made.

Memorandum, agreed that a quarter's warninge be given to the Assistantes to provide themselves of gownes.

This daye Mr. Wilde desired to be tennant to a barne in Scivier streete, late in the tenure of one Gilbert. Agreed that Gilbert

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be summoned to shew cause (if he can) why Mr. Wilde should not be taken tennant.

Alsoe agreed that Richard Stockwell shall have the first x*li.* that comes in (of the guifte of the late Archbishop of Canterbury) with his apprentice, John Beale.

Alsoe agreed that James Hunt, a mercer, shall have 25*li.* of the guift of Mr. Richard Johnson, he puttinge in Edward Strowd, Edmund Wylder, and another sufficient man for securitie of repayment.

This daye Mr. George Harrison againe peticioned to be admitted a freeman, whereupon the Company put it to the question. Resolved that he should not, by this number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIIIIIIII [13].

This daye alsoe John Creed desired to renue the lease of his dwellinge house (inter alia) for 3 lives, it dependinge onely on one life, and desired alsoe that herryott might be omitted (in his new lease) for which he would paye some reasonable fine. Referred to the veiw of the Chamberlaines to make report thereof to the Company.

This daye alsoe Henry Hurley desired to have the occupacion of the shoppe, late Henry Walker's weavinge shoppe, duringe the pleasure of the Company. Agreed that he be permitted to have it, and that he leave it upon a monethe's warninge. In the meane time he is to clense it and repaire it fit for his use.

This daye alsoe it was agreed that the Chamberlaine for charitable uses doe pay to Mr. Christopher Turnor ij*s.* a weeke, till further order be given to the contrary.

This daye Phillip Smithe's lease of the Butchers' Shambles was sealed and signed by Mr. Maior, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Walter Fellowe, Humfrey Milles, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Thomas Cope. Att th'enseallinge whereof Phillip Smith paid into the handes of Mr. Richard Hollowaye the summe of xiiij*li.* xvij*s.* and gave bond to William Wylder and John Webb, Chamberlaines, to paye 7*li.* at Midsummer next for the use of the Hall.

This daye alsoe Thomas Kenton, a younge clothier, was a suitor for 25*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte.

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[p. 284.] Mundaye, the 22th daye of December, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Walter Fellowe, William Gandye *, Fardinando Clerke *, William Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles *, John Webb, Henry Fruin, William Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *.

Agreed that Thomas Tillyard, an appothecary, shall have 25*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte, he puttinge in Mr. Richard Wapshott, Robert Welbeck and Samuell Johnson for securitye of repayment thereof.

Alsoe agreed, that a warrant be made to the Wardens of every ward to repaire from house to house within their severall wardes, to take a perticuler of such persones (aswell inhabitantes as others) as paye noe weekely colleccion, nor receave almes, that soe such of them as shalbe thought fitt maye be assessed towardes the raisinge of moneys for the releife of the Brittish Army in Ireland. Which was done, a coppie whereof is upon the file.

Wenesdaye, the 7th of January, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Willyam Gandie, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Thomas Cope.

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This daye Mr. Thomas Harrison againe desired the Company to pay him the money they owed unto him, or some parte thereof. Then agreed that Mr. Daniell Blagrave shall attend Mr. Maynard, the Councellor, and advise with him about Mr. Harrison's mortgage, and about other moneyes which some of the Company stand bound for, and that Mr. Mayor shall subscribe a lettre to Mr. Maynard to that purpose, &c.

[p. 285.] Mundaye, the xijth of January, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Symon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Willyam Gandye, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber.

Then soe many of the inhabitantes in the severall wardes within the Towne, as are not in the colleccion bookes and were then thought fitt, were assessed towardes the raising of the monies for the reliefe of the Brittishe Armie in Ireland.

Wensdaye, the xiiijth day of January, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne.

Then Mr. Daniell Blagrave, being formerly elected Steward of this Boroughe, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Steward of this Boroughe accordinglye.

Memorandum, whereas a suite was formerly commenced by the Company against the said Mr. Daniell Blagrave, which is not as yett ended betwixt them, now the said Mr. Daniell Blagrave did

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promise and agree to submitt and stand to the judgment of any indifferent men concerninge the same, and to doe nothing therein that shalbe prejudiciall either to the Company, or to the Hall.

Memorandum, Mr. Daniell Blagrave then alsoe promised to give them a noate under his hand to that purpose.

Then Thomas Adland whoe doth carry the cripples out of Towne desired further allowance for his labor, sayeing his old wages of 3*li.* 4*s.* was to[o] little. And therupon it was agreed that from Michaelmas last he should be paid for his labour after the rate of 4*li.* a yeare, duringe the pleasure of the Maior and Aldermen.

Fridaye, the xxiijth day of January, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Steward, Willyam Gandye, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber.

This day Mr. Maior brought in a Peticion made by the Inhabitantes of the Towne to the Commons' Howse of Parliament, for the removinge of Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Willyam Gandye, Walter Fellowe, Humfrey Milles, Samuell Johnson and Ferdinando Clerke, out of the Company, &c., which was then openly read. Whereupon, Mr. George Thorne, sen., Willyam Gandye and Samuell Johnson said, they shall not need to peticion to that purpose, for they would willingly resigne their severall places. Memorandum, there was no hand to the peticion.

[p. 286.] Tuesdaye, the xxvijth day of January, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne.

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Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Steward, Willyam Gandye, Walter Fellowe, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles.

This day Mr. George Thorne, sen., made his request and desired to leave his office of Alderman and Justice of Peace within this Boroughe, and to be removed from the Company, condicionally noe fyne be imposed on him.

This day alsoe Willyam Gandye, Walter Fellowe, Samuell Johnson, and Humfrey Milles, severally and apart made their requestes and desired to leave their severall offices of Assistantes within this Boroughe, and to be removed from the Company, condicionally noe fyne be imposed on them or any of them.

Wensdaye, the 4th day of February, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior*. Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

This day Mr. Augustin Maulthus, in the behalfe of his mother, Mrs. Margery Maulthus, desired the Company to accept a surrender of her lease of the tenement in Fisher Rewe, whiche the Company were contented to doe, soe as she would pay the halfe yeare's rent due at Lady-day next, and xxxv*s.* for a herryott due upon the death of Thomas Maulthus.

Then alsoe Samuell Watlington desired to take a new lease of the same tenemente for 3 lyves at the old rent and condicions. Referred till next Quarterdaye for the grante thereof.

Then alsoe Vincent Goddard desired a new lease of his father's howse at the old rent of 4 markes. Referred till next Quarterdaye for his answere.

But in the meane tyme the Chamberlaines are apoynted to goe and view the same.

Then alsoe Richard Alright moved the Company about their suite against his sister Thurston for the debt shee oweth, and he would have them accept 5*li.* for the same, which was refused; whereupon it was put [to] the question what she should pay, and it

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was resolved by this number of voices; she should pay xx nobles and charges, viz., IIIIIIIII [9].

Then also Willyam Burren, a shereman, beinge a forreyner and havinge lived xij yeares in the Towne, desired to be admitted a freeman. Referred till next Quarterdaye for his answere.

Then also it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Wylmer shall make a lettre of attorney to the 3 Serjeantes to distreyne for Mr. Blake's or Mr. Chamberlen's rent.

[p. 287.] Wensdaye, the xjth day of February, 1645.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Woldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandye, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, John Webb, Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

This day Mr. George Thorne, jun., made his request and desired to leave his office of an Alderman within this Boroughe, and to be removed from the Company, condicionally noe fyne be imposed on him.

This day alsoe it was ordered and agreed that Mr. Maior shall returne the peticion which concernes 3 Aldermen and 5 Assistantes, &c.

This day alsoe Willyam Hatton, grocer, apprentice in London, a forreyner, being demanded by what authoritie he kept shoppe in Readinge, answered, he was his father's servant and did itt for him. Forbidden to keepe shopp any longer, or to sell any more wares.

John Sweetser, taylor, being a forreyner, forbidden to use his trade any more in the Towne and warned to be gone out of the Towne, promised to be gon within xiiij daies next, and Richard Greeneawaye undertooke for him.

Jonathan Greenewaye, mercer, desired to be admitted and registred a freeman, having served 7 yeares at his trade by indenture. William Beisley, his master, being present, said he had

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served but 4 yeares, and claimes 4 yeares' service more to be done by him, notwithstanding he had gott the indenture, and further the said master affirmed, that the indenture was delivered uppe upon condicion the apprentice would not make use of that trade, which was prooved by 2 witnesses, vizt., Christopher Goade and Thomas Goade.

Richard Clarke, shoomaker, peticioned for xxv*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's money. Referred till next Quarterdaye for his answere.

Francis Ward, glasier, apprentice in London, being a forreyner, was forbidden to use his trade any longer in Readinge. Apoynted to attend againe on next Quarterdaye.

[p. 288.] Quarterday, Fridaye, the xxvijth of February, 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. George Thorne, sen., [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Thomas Harrison *, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Thorne *, jun., Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Walter Fellowe *, Willyam Gandye, Fardinando Clerke *, Willyam Wylder, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles *, John Webb, Henry Fruin *, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber.

This daye a warrant was sealed for the Overseers of St. Giles' parish to distreyne.

Alsoe a warrant was sealed to the 3 Serjeantes to distreyne for Mr. Blake's rent, yett agreed that Mr. Mayor shall first speake with Mr. Theophilus Bent, to know whether the rent wilbe paid in peace before the warrant be put in execucion.

Whereas George Lowgrove will owe att Ladie-daye next for rent xxv*li.*, the Company are contented, in regard of his losses and paymentes, to accept of xij*li.* x*s.* which he agreed to pay in this manner, vizt., 4*li.* the xxvth of March next, and then to give security to paye the rest betweene that and Michellmas next.

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And then agreed that hee shall pay xxx*s.* for his halfe yeare's rent due at Michaellmas next and afterwardes 3*li.* halfe-yearely, soe longe as the Company shall thinke fitt.

This daye Mr. John Cornwall moved the Company about Mr. Thomas Turnor and Mrs. Maulthus' groundes called the Ortes to remitt all their rentes arreare and to be due att Ladie [day] next, and to suffer them to goe on and holde their groundes payeing the old rent att Michaellmas, to which the Company did condiscend, soe as Mr. Thomas Turnor did forthwith pay 5*li.*, and Mrs. Maulthus paye x*li.*

Mr. Thomas Curtis, wollendraper, this daye desired that George Harrison, a forreynor, (using the trade of a woollendraper in Towne) might be removed and not suffered to keepe shoppe any longer; whereupon the Company promised that itt should be taken into further consideracion.

This daye itt was put to the question, whether Willyam Burren, a sheareman, should be admitted a freeman of the Boroughe. Resolved that itt would be prejudiciall to other freemen (and soe could not be admitted) by theise number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIII [9], IIIIIII [7.]

This daye itt was agreed that George Lamport, mercer, and Robert Bent, appothecary, shall have xxv*li.* a-peice of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift, they givinge securitie for repayment thereof, &c.

Agreed that Samuell Watlington shall have a new lease of Mr. Robert Maulthus' tenement in Fisher Rewe, for 99 yeares (if 3 lives live soe longe), att and under the old rent, herriottes, condicions and covenantes.

[p. 289.] This daye the former peticion was againe presented concerninge the removall of Mr. George Thorne, th'elder, Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. George Thorne, jun., Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandie, Samuell Johnson, Humfrey Milles and Fardinando Clerke, out of the Company.

And then Mr. George Thorne, th'elder, Mr. George Thorne, the younger, Walter Fellowe, Willyam Gandie, Samuell Johnson and Humfrey Milles made their severall requestes to be removed; whereupon they were removed by theise severall numbers of voices, vizt.,

Mr. George Thorne, sen.	IIIIIII [7].
Mr. George Thorne, jun.	IIIIIII [7].
Walter Fellowe,	IIIIIIIII [9].

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Willyam Gandie, IIIIIIII [8].
Samuell Johnson, IIIIIIII [8].
Humfrey Milles, IIIIIIII [8].

And then Fardinando Clerke for his longe absence, and neglect to give any attendance to the Company, was quite removed from the said Company by theise number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIII [9].

Then the Chamberlaines were appointed to view Willyam Norcotte's tenementes in Gutter Lane, and to certifye the Company thereof, and then Willyam Norcott to have his aunswer next Quarterdaye.

[p. 290.] Borough of Reading.

Att the meeting of the Maior and Aldermen in the Counsell Chamber of the said Borough the 4th of March, 1645,

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison.

This day Mr. William Wilder and Mr. John Webb, two of the Assistantes of the said Borough, were chosen (nemine contradicente) to be Aldermen of the said Borough, in the roome of Mr. George Thorne, sen., and Mr. George Thorne, jun.

This day James Browne, William Speed and Peter Flewet, being convented for keeping alehouse without licence, were prohibited to keepe alehouse any longer.

William Blackman, taylour, desiring some allowance from the Corporacion towardes the maintenance of his sonne being a scholler in St. John's Colledge in Oxford, answered that the Company will consider of it.

[p. 291.] Wenesdaye, 11° Martii, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., William Wylder, John Webb.

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This daye agreed that Mr. Wilde shall holde the Barne, late Gilberte's, from Midsummer last, payeing therefore the first yeare xl*s.*, the second yeare l*s.*, the third yeare iij*li.* The xl*s.* to be paid, xx*s.* presently and xx*s.* at Midsummer next, and after Midsummer next, the rent to be paid halfe yearely, vizt., at Christmas and Midsummer, during the other two yeares, and from thence to holde the said Barne att 3*li.* a yeare, to be paid halfe yearely duringe the time the said Mr. Wilde shalbe parson of St. Giles' parish.

This daye alsoe Mr. Willyam Wylder and Mr. John Webb (formerly elected) did respectively take their oathes to execute the office of Aldermen within the said Boroughe.

This daye Mr. Thomas Harrison, being senior Alderman did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the Boroughe whilest he continues senior Alderman.

Thomas Peppes, desiring a new lease, referred till next Quarter-daye for his answer.

Thomas Browne, being demanded the 40*s.* which he should have paid at Candlemas last (and which the Company promised Mrs. Stampe should have), did refuse to pay the same.

Willyam Blackman, taylor, againe desiringe some allowance towardes the releife of his sonne, was answered that the Company could not allow him any thinge.

Daniell Hall, sonne of Willyam Hall, to be bound apprentice to Richard Thorne. With which apprentice it is this daye ordered the said Richard Thorne shall have x*li.* of the Archbishop's guifte, and the said Richard Thorne is willing to give his apprentice xl*s.* at th'end of his time.

This daye Edward Hine is prohibited any longer to keepe an alehouse.

Alsoe John Humfrey was prohibited to keepe alehouse any longer then Midsummer next, and in the meane time leave given him to drawe out his beere in the house.

This daye alsoe agreed that Willyam Potter, the Criour, shall have a new coate in recompence of his former service.

This daye alsoe those whose names are hereunder written (being Burgesses of this Towne) were chosen to be Assistantes to this Company by this number of voices, vizt.,

1. Richard Alright, IIIIIIII [8].
2. Richard Birch, IIIIIII [7].

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3. John Chandler, IIIIIIIII [9].
4. Robert James, IIIIIIII [8].
5. Joell Steevens, IIIIIII [7].
6. Samuell Jemmott, IIIIIII [7].
7. Willyam Beisley, IIIIIIIIII [10].

[p. 292.] Wenesdaye, 18° Martii, 1645.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

Richard Alright, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, and Willyam Beisley, 5 of the Assistantes formerly chosen, did this daye severally take their oathes to execute the office of Assistantes accordingly.

Alsoe this daye the freemen clothworkers and journymen within the Borough of Readinge, presented a peticion to Mr. Mayor and the rest of the Company, thereby declaringe their greivances (by reason of the multitude of forreynours both clothworkers and jornymen keeping shopp and workinge in the Towne) and desiringe to be redressed, which businesse was referred till some other time.

Mundaye, xxiijth of March, anno Domini 1645, annoque xxj^mo^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

This daye Tobye Marten, tennant to Mr. Joseph Blagrave, desired the Company that some abatement might be made him of the rent he is this yeare to paye (for such uses as Mr. John Blagrave's will directeth), whoe was answered that they could not abate him any-thinge.

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Agreed that Mr. Thomas Harrison shall receive of Mrs. Baker viij*li.* at St. James' tide next, and deliver to her her husbande's bond for the payment of xxv*li.* to the Company.

And then Mr. Thomas Harrison desired the rest of the Company to lett to him for some time the groundes called the Conduitt Closes, or some other grounde (aswell to sattisfie him for his charges laid out in fencing the same, as alsoe for the rest of the money for which Mr. Baker's bond was assigned to him), which was referred till some other time.

[p. 293.] Fridaye, the xxvijth of March, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Simon Dee *, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Henry Fruin, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler *, Robert James, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott *, William Beisley.

This daye Richard Birch and Samuell Jemmott formerly elected, were sworne to execute the office of Assistantes respectively within the Boroughe.

Willyam Stanton sent by his wife to Hall v*li.*, in parte of his rent, whoe is appointed to attend at Hall on Wenesdaye next.

This daye agreed that Henry Yorke shall have the grounde called the Sanctuary for one yeare from Ladie-daye last, payeing therefore x*s.*, vizt., 5*s.* at Michaellmas next and 5*s.* at Ladie-daye next.

Alsoe this daye the three poore Maidservantes were elected to cast lottes for the xx nobles, vizt.,

1. For Lawrence parish, .	Katherine Brewer.
2. For Giles' parish, . .	Margery Wyvold.
3. For Marie's parish, .	Margarett Coxe.

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Memorandum, this is the 5th yeare, if any from Southcott were capable, but there was none.

Alsoe this daye Tobye Marten came to Hall, but did not bringe the 10*li.*, which this daye he should have paid according to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, whereupon Mr. John Webb, at the request of the Company, did lay downe for the present ten poundes, till further order should be taken for the recoveringe the same from the said Tobye Marten, which x*li.* was by Mr. Maior distributed as followeth, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To Margery Wyvold, who this day did win the lott .	6	13	04
To the Warden of Lawrence parish . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of Marie's parish . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of Giles' parish . .	0	06	00
To the Preacher this daye . . .	0	10	00
To the junior Churchwarden . . .	0	03	04
To the Clerke and Sexton . . .	0	06	08
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	08
	10	00	0

4*li.*, by meanes of the guift of Mr. Willyam Brackston, was this daye distributed by direccions of his last will and testament, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 60 poore weomen in Lawrence parish . .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in Marie's parish . .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in Giles' parish . .	1	00	00
To 20 poore men, vizt., 7 in Lawrence parish, 6 in Giles' parish, and 7 in Marie's parish, xij*d.* a-peice	1	00	00
	4	00	0

Memorandum, the 5*li.* above-mencioned left by Willyam Stanton's wife, was distributed by Mr. Maior, as appeareth on the other side of this leafe.

[p. 294.] 3*li.*, by meanes of the guifte of Mr. William Legg, was this daye distributed to xxiiij poore housholders, ij*s.* vj*d.* a-peice, vizt.,

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viij in Lawrence parish	. .	xx*s.*
viij in Marie's parish	. .	xx*s.*
viij in Giles' parish	. .	xx*s.*

xl*s.*, by meanes of the guift of Mary Worsley, was this day distributed to 60 poore widowes, viij*d.* a-peice, vizt.,

xxv in Lawrence parish	. .	xvj*s.* viij*d.*
xxv in Giles' parish	. .	xvj*s.* viij*d.*
x in Marie's parish	. .	vj*s.* viij*d.*

Mundaye, the 29th of March, 1646, annoque 22do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Symon Dee, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

This daye Richard Barrett was chosen to supply the place of John Asten, deceassed, in one of John Alarder's Almeshouses.

[p. 295.] Fridaie, the third of Aprill, 1646, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb *.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Henry Fruin.

This daye Mr. Page and Mr. Winch, tennantes to landes in Braye, of the guifte of the late Archbishop of Canterbury to this Corporacion, attended the Company desiringe some abatement of their rentes and allowances for taxes and other sufferinges. Agreed that the 4th parte be abated (in regard of their extraordinary sufferinges) and alsoe the weekely assessment accordinge to the ordinance of Parliament.

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The wholle yeare's assessement to be allowed out of the next halfe yeare's rent.

	li.	s.	d.
Due by Mr. Page for halfe a yeare's rent .	35	00	00
The 4th parte whereof is . . .	08	15	0
Remainder due .	26	05	0

	li.	s.	d.
Due by Mr. Winch for halfe a yeare's rent .	26	10	00
The 4th part whereof is . . .	06	12	06
Remainder due .	19	17	06

Mr. Thomas Harrison and Mr. Peter Burningham are desired to goe to Braye this day senight to mediate the differences betweene Mr. Winch and Mr. Loggins, that soe the arreares demaunded of the said Mr. Winch and by him pretended to be due from Mr. Loggins, maye be paid to the Corporacion.

Henry Knapp is appointed to bringe in xx*li.* this daye senight in parte of his rent due.

Wensdaye, the 8° of Aprill, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxj^mo^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Simon Dee *, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Henry Fruin *.

This daie Mr. James Chamberlen appeared, and itt was agreed that he shall paie vj*li.* att Ladie-daie or Midsummer next, in lieu of three yeares and a halfe's rent, viz., 21*li.*, and, for the remainder, it is to be respited in regard of the mortgage, and for the time to come he is to paie the former rent; for abatementes the Company will consider thereof as occasion shalbe. Mr. Chamberlen was contented with this agreement and promised to pay the vj*li.* to the Chamberlen.

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George Cole this daie appeared, and he is behind in his rent x*li.*, which being demanded of him, he answered he could paie none.

Widowe Lewes brought a poore boie, which formerly had viij*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guifte, and shee desired some releife for him, but was answered that when Mr. Deane's money comes, the boie shalbe considered.

Agreed that the Chamberlen shall paie the 3 Serjeantes there wages arreare.

[p. 296.] Mundaye, the 12th of Aprill, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxj^{mo} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Harrison [and] Mr. Simon Dee, justices; Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Henry Fruin.

[No business recorded for this day.]

Mundaye, 27° April, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that a writt be sent for to arrest Mr. Thomas Harrison, Richard Goddard, sen., Joseph East and Richard Maine, for severall moneyes that they are arreare to the Hall for rent.

This daye Thomas Rouse is chosen to supply the place of Goodwife Wearinge deceassed, in one of Mr. Harrison's Almes-houses.

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[p. 297.] Fridaye, the 8th of May, anno Domini 1646.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

This daye Mr. Henry Knapp brought in xx*li.*, being parte of Mr. Kendricke's rent arreare, which was agreed should be divided equally betweene the 3 parishes to the poore's use.

Alsoe this daye Richard Hollis was chosen to have the roome of Bartholmew Haines, late deceassed, in one of Sir Thomas Vachell's Almes houses, (soe Mr. Vachell did approve of him.)

Quarterday, Fridaye, the 22th of Maye, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *.

This daye itt was ordered that all the Aldermen and Assistantes shall come to the Church, to the Hall and to the Court decently in their gownes, upon paine of forfeitinge 3*s.* 4*d.* for every defaulte by any of them henceforth to be made.

And all those of the Company, that att this time have noe gownes are nowe warned to provide them gownes against next Quarterdaye att their perills.

Alsoe ordered that noe Alderman or Assistant (being warned) shall absent himselfe from any meetinge at the Hall, without askinge

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leave of the Mayor, upon paine of forfeitinge 3*s.* 4*d.* for every defaulte of them henceforth to be made.

Alsoe ordered that Mr. John Tench shall pay the 3*li.* x*s.* 00*d.* unto Henry Tubb, for his charges in releivinge Baileye's wife when shee was in the hospitall.

This daye the question put what Edward Wylder should be allowed towardes his contribucion money which hee is taxed to paye for those landes out of which the poore's money yssueth, itt is resolved that he shalbe allowed the 3d parte of the contribucions (for those landes) which hee is to pay to the State.

Ordered that Tobye Marten be sent for to attend the Company some other time about the maides' and the poore's money, which he should have paid on Good Friday last.

This day Richard Jones his old lease of the Conduitt Close was reade, and his sonne, Richard Jones, made some pretence of title thereunto, but he was referred till another time.

[p. 298.] This day alsoe Richard Goddarde's lease of a tenement in Castle Street (parte of John Alarder's land) was read, and his sonne, Vincent Goddard, desired a new lease thereof att 3*li.* rent per annum for 3 lives, and alsoe an abatement of 11*li.* 15*s.* 00*d.* (due for rent in arreare) towardes the reparacions of the premisses, whereupon itt was voted that he should have a new lease thereof att the old rent of 4*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.*, and be abated 5*li.* of the rent arreare towardes reparacions. The which Vincent Goddard did refuse to accept of, and bid the Company lett itt to whome they pleased to raise their old rent, and soe departed.

This daye itt was put to the question what Mr. Turnor should pay for his arrerages due for the Ortes; itt was resolved that he should paye 3*li.* 15*s.* 00*d.*, which Mr. Thomas Seakes paid presently to Mr. Wylder, the Chamberlaine.

Alsoe put to the question what Mrs. Maulthus should pay for her arrerages for her parte of the Ortes; resolved that shee shall paye x*li.* as itt was formerly voted.

Alsoe this daye John Hill, bricklayer, desired a lease of the tenement in Fryer streete, late in Thomas Chandler's, sen., occupacion, and it was agreed that he should have a lease thereof, beginninge at Midsummer next for xxjtie yeares att xlv*s.* rent per annum, &c., and payeinge the halfe yeare's rent agreed on att Midsummer next.

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This day put to the question what Francis Terroll and Nicholas Terroll should paye for their arrerages of rent for the tenement they holde in London streete; resolved that they should pay xx*s.* to Mr. John Webb, the Chamberlaine.

This daye Willyam Stanton desired a new lease of the house next the Gaole; agreed that he should have a lease thereof from Ladie-daye last for xxj^{tie} yeares, at 7*li.* rent per annum, the which Willyam Stanton did not then accept of, but desired respitt till Wenesdaye next come senight to give in his answere.

This daye Jenninges Greene, sonne of Morris Greene, is appointed to be bound apprentice to Willyam Grantham, the carpenter, whoe is to have the x*li.* of the Archbishop's guift, which is nowe in the Chamberlaine's handes; and then William Grantham agreed to give the boye 40*s.* at th'end of his apprenticeshipp.

Arthur Curtis, sonne of Willyam Curtis, is appointed to be bound apprentice to [*blank*] Clarke, the shoomaker, whoe is to have x*li.* of the Archbishop's money when itt comes.

[*blank*] Skinner, grandchilde to Thomas Skinner, the sergeant, to be bound apprentice to [*blank*] and to have x*li.* of the Archbishop's money when itt comes.

This daye alsoe itt was ordered and agreed that Mr. Willyam Wylder, the Chamberlaine, shall be saved harmelesse from all troubles and charges that he shall be put unto, for or by reason of his receivinge the rentes for the Hall.

Alsoe this daye ordered and agreed that the 3 Serjeantes shalbe paid their wages which are arreare.

This daye alsoe Thomas Peppes desired a new lease of the shoppe and stall, late in the occupacion of John Creed. Agreed that he should have a new lease for 99 yeares, if 3 lives live soe longe, at the old rent of 2*li.* 18*s.* per annum, &c.

Alsoe this daye Samuell Watlington's lease, formerly agreed on, was sealed.

Alsoe this daye Mr. Edward Wylmer delivered in a coppye of soe much of Mr. John Noyes his will, as concerned his guift of xx*s.* a yeare for ever towardes the releife of the poore of the Towne of Readinge, which was taken out of the Register of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and is nowe appointed to be registred in the booke of Charitable uses for the Towne.

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[p. 299.] Memorandum, this day the Company agreed that the xx*li.* brought in by Henry Knapp should not be disbursed for the poore's use till towardes winter, att which time it is conceived they will have more need then nowe.

Wenesdaye, 3° Junij, 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye the freemen Taylors made a complaint against John Morris (a forreynor) using the trade of a taylor in Towne, which John Morris (being convented before Mr. Maior and the rest of the Company present) promised upon the forfeiture of 5*li.* to departe the Towne and to worke elswhere by Michaellmas next. And alsoe John Hambleton, taylor, promised to pay 12*d.* a weeke for every weeke after Michaellmas next, that the said John Morris should remaine in his house.

Mundaye, the eighth of June, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This daye agreed that Nicholas Lanfeare[5] be forthwith sent to London to make affidavit concerninge Francis Thackham.

Alsoe agreed that the Serjeantes' wages arreare be forthwith paid them.

Wenesdaye, the tenth of June, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

[5] Nich. Lampier, or Lamphier, vol. iii. pp. 78, 79.

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Mr. Thomas Seakes this daye made knowne to the Company the desire of Mrs. Maulthus, vizt., that the Company would take into their handes the two Ortes till Mr. Maulthus' children came to age, in satisfaccion for the x*li.* which the Company ordered should be paid for the arreares of rent due till Ladie daye last, for the same groundes, which the Company would not accept.

Agreed that Anne Johnson, widowe, shall have a workinge roome, being the second lower shoppe in Mr. Kendricke's workhouse, whoe is to paye after the rate of x*s.* per annum for the same, and to leave itt upon a monethe's warninge.

Willyam Bonevant desired to take another roome in Mr. Kendricke's workehouse, but was answered the Company would further consider thereof.

This daye Thomas Franklin's wife brought a poore wench to the Hall, (which was formerly placed with her by the overseers of St. Lawrence parish) and shee desired some allowance for her charge in keepinge the childe three yeares, whoe was answered the Company would further consider thereof.

[p. 300.] Wenesdaye, 17° Junii, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

Richard Hine was (by Mr. Maior) this daye committed to the Counter, for his contempt of Mr. Maior and the rest of the Company in not comminge to the Hall when he was sent for by them.

Memorandum, this daye Mr. Maior and the rest of the Aldermen present agreed, that Richard Merrifield, cordweyner, shall have x*li.* of the Archbishopp's guift (with Cowdrey, whoe is to be bound apprentice to him), as soone as all those that are alredye promised be paid.

Mundaye, the xxixth of June, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr.

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John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Mills, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, William Beisley, Richard Castle.

Richard Castle (formerly elected) did this daye take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant.

Alsoe this daye Mr. Walter Knight acquainted the Company with Mr. Thomas Harrison's suite and declaracion against them, whereupon the Company appointed Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison and Mr. Walter Knight to attend Mr. Whitlock to-morrow about the said suite.

Captain Vincent Goddard was contented to accept of the lease of his father's tenement att the old rent, and the abatement of soe much arreares as was formerly agreed on.

Alsoe this daye ordered that the wholle Company shall forthwith in some convenient time attend his Excellencie Sir Thomas Fairfax, concerninge the aspersion laid upon the Towne.

[p. 301.] Wenesdaye, the first daye of July, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridg, *Mayor*. Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Tanfeild Vachell, Esqr.

This daye Thomas Holford was elected to have one of Sir Thomas Vachell's almeshouses in the room of Bartholmew Haines, late deceassed.

And then alsoe Mr. Tanfield Vachell agreed that Richard Hollis (formerly nominated by the Company) shall have the next almeshouse that falls.

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Ordered this daye that Mr. Thomas Harrison shall paye xx*li.* to Mr. John Webb for all rent (due upon his rentrolle) att Ladie-daye last.

Ordered this daye likewise, that Edmond Wylder shall paye xij*li.* x*s.* to Mr. John Webb for all his rent due (upon the rentrolle) at Ladie-daye last.

Alsoe ordered that the charges of the suite brought by Mr. Stroughill and Mrs. Gandye against the Company, shalbe bourne by the Hall.

Alsoe ordered that Mr. Wylmer shall write a lettre to Mr. Henry Kent about Doctor Swaddon's money.

Wenesdaye, the viijth of July, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Steward.

This daye the Company againe required Tobye Marten to pay the x*li.*, which he should have paid on Good Fridaye last for the maid and poore, and he answered that he would pay, soe as he might have an abatement, according to Ordinance of Parliament, for 80 rates paid towardes contribucion money; whereupon itt was ordered that he should be abated 33*s.* 4*d.*, and should presently pay to Mr. John Webb viij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, which was done accordingly.

Mr. Knight acquainted the Company that Mr. Holloway, Mr. John Harrison and himselfe were yesterdaye with Mr. Whitlock, and he promised to send some answer shortly about their businesses.

Alsoe this daye Mr. Mayor moved the Company to have the House of Correccion repaired and some new particions made therein for the safe keeping and punishing of disorderly persons. Referred for a resolucion for 14 daies.

Alsoe Mr. Mayor desired to know when the Company would attend the Generall, Sir Thomas Fairfax, about the aspersion laid upon the Towne. Resolved within few daies to attend his Excel-

* Marked as absent.

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lensie about that and the freeing of the Towne from the military parte.

This daye alsoe the 3 Serjeantes were sharply reprehended for their living not in unitye, and especially Thomas Skinner for his ill manner of presenting the Lord Fairfax' guift from the Company. And the said Thomas Skinner was removed from his attendance as a Serjeant by these number of voices, IIIIIIIII [9].

[p. 302.] Wcnesdaye, xxij^{do} die Julii, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Mayor*. Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, [Assistant.]

This daye Steven Kent is appointed to attend this daye fortnight, about Francis Tucker, a poore boye, which he should take as an apprentice.

Alsoe this daye Henry Benwell was appointed to bring in halfe his arrearages of rent att Michaellmas next and then to give securitye to pay the residue.

Alsoe Joseph East was appointed to bringe in his lease tomorrow, and then his arrearages of rent should be taken into consideracion.

Fridaye, xxiiij^{to} Julii, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridg, *Maior*. Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye itt is informed that the sicknesse is in Robert Bullas his house in Broad Streete, and in certen other houses in Towne, and thereupon Goodwife Lane was sent for, and desired to goe into the houses and make faithfull search, whether itt were the sicknesse or

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noe, and Mr. Maior ministring an oath unto her to that purpose, shee went (and after search made upon the child now dead) returned againe and said itt was the sicknesse and that the child was full of blew spottes, and itt was ordered that the said Goodwife Lane shalbe paid iij*li.* in money besides her weekely allowance.

Ordered and agreed that some boarded houses with a chimney therein shalbe forthwith sett uppe for the removinge the visited people out of Towne into the Conduitt close.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. Willyam Wylder, the Chamberlayne, shall deliver to the Constables five poundes in money to be bestowed by them towardes the present releife and supply of the visited people, and that the said five poundes shalbe repaid to the said Chamberlaine out of the first taxe that shalbe made for the visited people. And that Mr. Walter Knight shall stay longer for his lawe money.

Alsoe agreed that a peticion be made to the Committees of Berkes for the allowance of some tymber trees towardes the repairing of Caversham Bridge and some other bridges within the Towne.

Mundaye, the xxvijth daye of July, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, [Assistant.]

This daye Willyam Ivery, cornett to Captain Aldredg, came to demand the black geldinge now seized by the Towne, as a demand upon the death of Richard Tuckwell, found dead in Readinge, who was answered, that if the horse did appeare to be Captain Aldridge's, and hee will make it his desire to the Company to have the horse againe, it was resolved that he shall have the horse againe, payeing such charges as is and shalbe laid out about the jury, buryall, horse-meate, &c.

This daye John Jerome was appointed to kill the dogges which runne uppe and downe the Towne and to warne the inhabitantes to keepe in their hogges.

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[p. 303.] Wenesdaye, the xxixth day of July, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye ordered and agreed that Robert Westmerland shall forthwith in substantiall manner buyld and finish upon some parte of the Conduit close (for the visited people), one house conteyninge two duellinges, with a brick chimney in the middest of them, in such compleat manner as the houses formerly there built by him were. In consideracion whereof the said Robert Westmerland shalbe paid 45*li.* out of the taxe to be made for the visited people, soe soone as the worke is finished.

Memorandum, this daye in the evening at Mr. Maior's house, Captain Robert Aldredg affirmed that the black gelding, which was seized for a deodand by Mr. Maior, was the gelding of the said Captain, and he being in the State's service wanted him, and made it his desire that the Company would remitt their interest in the said geldinge and deliver the same to him againe, (he paieing all reasonable charges about the businesse,) whereupon the said gelding was freely given and delivered unto him.

Fridaye, the xxxjth day of July, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Mr. Georg Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that the xxv*li.* in Mr. Wylmer's handes should be made use of to paye the visited people and other expences about them, as occasions should be offered, and that Mr. Willmer shall deliver it out as Mr. Maior shall send noates under his hand for the same. And the said xxv*li.* shalbe made uppe againe as soone as the taxe for the visited people is collected.

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Sundaye, the 2d of August, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present at Mr. Maior's house,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

John Hancock agreed, at his owne charges, to sett uppe upon some parte of the Conduitt Close, for the present use of the visited people, in substantiall manner, a boarded house, to be of 26 foote in length and 14 or 15 foote in breadth, with a double brick chimney in it and a peticion for 2 severall roomes. In consideracion whereof the Company agreed to pay him 5*li.* when the worke is finished, which is intended to be levied out of the taxe to be made for the visited people. Alsoe agreed that John Hancock shall have the boardes and all the materialls againe to his owne use when itt pleaseth God to ceasse the visitacion.

[p. 304.] Wenesdaye, the 5th daye of August, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridge, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye Richard Parsons, butcher, desired to be admitted a freeman within the Borough, which was denyed him for the present, and respited till Quarter-daye next. And also his master, Willyam Hamblen, affirmed that the said Richard Parsons had done him 7 yeares' service, which pleased him. Alsoe Robert Bent desired to be admitted a freeman. Referred till Quarter-daye next.

This daye Robert Vindg was required to pull uppe the post in the waye against his doore.

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This daye alsoe Elizabeth Filpe (daughter to Mrs. Maulthus), in the behalfe of her mother, tendred 5*li.* for the arreares of the rent for the Ortes which was refused; yett agreed that if x*li.* be paid within x daies, itt shalbe accepted, and the old rent to goe on.

Alsoe this daye the inhabitantes of St. Marie's parish and parte of the inhabitantes of St. Giles' parish were taxed for the releife of the visited people, &c.

This daye Edward London, for using reprochfull wordes of the Company and refusing to put in suertye for his good behaviour, was committed to the Counter.

Thursdaye, the 6th of August, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye the inhabitantes of St. Lawrence parish and the other parte of St. Giles' parish were taxed for the releife of the visited people, &c.

And alsoe the Collectors appointed to gather the same taxes in each parish were elected, as followeth, vizt.,

For St. Lawrence parish	Mr. Henry Fruin. Thomas Cope.
For St. Giles' parish	Mr. Peter Thorne. Samuell Jemmott.
For St. Marie's parish	Robert James. Edward Brackston.

Edward London this day submitted himselfe to Mr. Maior and the Company and thereupon was released.

Mundaye, the vjth of August, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, justice, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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This daye Mr. Maior and Mr. Symon Dee signed and sealed the taxe for the visited people; and alsoe agreed (nemine contradicente) that Robert Westmerland shalbe paid for buylding the pesthouses the first money that comes in of the taxe for the visited people.

[p. 305.] Wenesdaye, the 12° of August, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Georg Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., [Assistant.]

Thomas Filpe this daye moved the Company to accept of 5*li.* for the arreares of rent due from his mother, Mrs. Maulthus, for the Ortes, whoe was answered that the Company would doe noe otherwise then as they had formerly ordered.

Agreed that a pounde shalbe buylte with stone or brick, forthwith, in some convenient place within the Borough.

This daye the Company demanded the 100*li.*, being Mr. Richard Johnson's, of Mr. Georg Thorne, sen., and gave him libertie to pay in the same by the first of November next.

Alsoe the Company demanded of the said Mr. George Thorne xx*li.* which he oweth to the Hall, whoe desired some time to paye in the same; whereupon itt was ordered that the said Mr. Thorne, putting his sonne Georg Thorne for securitie for the same, should have time to paye the same, vizt., x*li.* the xxjth of October next, and x*li.* the xxjth of Aprill next.

This daye the Company required Thomas Browne forthwith to paye the xl*s.* he promised to pay for his mother.

Agreed that the watch be forthwith warned and kept within the Borough, according to the statute.

Ellection-day, Munday the xxxjth of August, anno Domini 1646.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston,

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Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

Att this daye the Mayor and Aldermen, by direccion of their Charter, did name 3 of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this daye (being the last Mundaye in August), in their Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those 3 Aldermen, soe named by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present this daye, should be elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next comming, as in and by their charter itt is required, vizt.,

1. Mr. Richard Hollowaye, IIIIIIIIIII [11], elected Maior.
2. Mr. John Harrison.
3. Mr. Thomas Bateman, IIIII [5].

[p. 306.] Att this daye alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as the charter requireth, vizt.,

Thomas Cope, IIIIIIIIII [10].
Willyam Belchamber, IIIIIIII [8].

This daye there was some debate about the setling of a godly schoolemaster in the Towne. Mr. Pocock to be examined by the Ministers touching his sufficiencie.

Ordered that those of the Company that have noe gownes doe provide themselves gownes against next Quarter-daye, upon forfeiture of xl*s*. a-peice.

Agreed that the penalties be levyed upon all those that use any trade within the Borough (not being free of the same), and this to be effectually executed soe soone as the Jury shall present their names.

And that the penalties for selling of stockinges within the Borough by forreynours, or others not free thereof, be levyed upon the offendors.

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Ordered that those that have served apprenticeshipps with-in the Borough, and have not paid their freedome money, be forthwith summoned thereunto.

Mr. Mayor moved the Company for the usuall allowance of 60*li.* towardes his charges in his Mayoraltie, according to agreament, 6 October last, which they thinke fitt should be performed.

Agreed that 5*s.* be levyed (nomine pene) upon every one of those of the Company that are now absent (and soe for the future).

Mr. Cope produced a noate in writinge, under Mr. Richard Burren's hand, purporting an assignement to the said Mr. Cope of 25*li.* lent by Mr. Burren, deceassed, to the Towne (yett oweing). The Company advised him to finde out some bargaine of the Towne lands that he might be considered in itt.

Mr. Thomas Thackham is appointed to bring in the plate (in his custodye) belonging to the Towne Hall.

Agreed that gownes be provided for John Alarder's Almesmen (if due).

Wenesdaye, the second daye of September, 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *elect;* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Upon the peticion of Willyam Page, glover, to be registred a freeman of this Borough, the Company will consider of itt and take further time to give their resolucion therein.

Upon the request of the Overseers for the poore of St. Giles' parish for some allowance towardes the bynding Tucker's boy apprentice, agreed that xxx*s.* be allowed for that purpose out of the Charitable uses.

Agreed that Phillipp Browne be appointed to weigh the hay spent in inns and alehowses, in the roome and place of old Spott, late deceassed.

[p. 307.] Wenesdaye, the 9th of September, 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *elect;* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Peter

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Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, [Assistant.]

This daye Henry Merrifeild, late apprentice to Mr. Henry Fruin, pewterer, 9 yeares by indenture, admissus fuit infra libertatem Burgi, and promised leave to live out of the Borough, he paieing 4*d.* a quarter.

Samuell Cleere warned to bring in his apprentice indenture, or other testimony, to prove his apprenticeshipp, this day senight.

Joseph Cleere prohibited from keeping of alehouse or using any trade within this Borough.

This daye the Jury brought in their presentmentes.

Ordered that fifteene shillinges be paid to Nicholas Lanfeare (by the Chamberlayn), for his journey to London concerning Francis Thackham and Joseph Stockwell.

Quarterday, Friday, the 25th of September, 1646, annoque xxijdo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior.* Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *elect,* Mr. Simon Dee, justice, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave *, Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle.

John Lyford, of Whitchurch, appointed to attend and bring in his arreares and accompt on Wenesdaye, the 28th of October next.

Upon the peticion of Henry Rogers, resolved that it be considered whether he be not a delinquent within the Ordinance of Parliament.

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Upon the peticion of Edward Kent, resolved upon the question that there is noe need of any more lynnendrapers in towne.

Thomas Hollowaye and Walter Browne are appointed to attend on Wenesday senight, touching the lease formerly lett to George Dey, and now supposed to belong to Tue's wench, and to produce such writinges as may discover to whome the estate belongeth.

Upon the request of Robert Bent, appothecary, (desiring to be admitted a freeman of the Borough,) nothing resolved at present.

Joseph Noble, desiring to be admitted a freeman of the Borough, having served his apprenticeshipp there (as he affirmeth), is appointed to produce his indenture and to have some testimoney from Fardinando Clerke, his late master.

Consideracion to be had touching some course to be taken against Benwell for his rent, &c.

The Affierers appointed to meete on Mundaye next.

[p. 308.] Upon the peticion of Richard Levens and John Sturdye, agreed that itt be considered for the releife of the peticioners.

Upon the peticion of Thomas and Willyam Richardson, resolved that when itt appeareth that the peticioners are freemen of the Borough, itt shalbe considered in their favour.

Upon the peticion of Francis Johnson and others, the Company will take some speedye course for the peticioners' releife.

This daye Edward Shipwaye made request for 40*s.*, residue of 3*li.* 16*s.* 0*d.*, formerly due to him from the Company, for worke done by him.

Agreed that Mrs. Maulthus have licence to assigne over her estate in the Ortes to Edward Shipwaye and Thomas Baker.

Agreed that gownes be provyded forthwith by the Chamberlaine for John Alarder's almesmen.

Mr. Mayor elect is desired to speake with Mr. Breedon, touching the allowance for weighing of wool in the Woolhall.

This daye Elizabeth Philpe, daughter to Mrs. Malthus, paid to Mr. Wylder, Chamberlayne, fifteene poundes, vizt., 10*li.* in full of her arreares for the Ortes, and 5*li.* for next Michaellmas rent for the same Ortes.

Agreed that present course be taken (by distresse or otherwise) against James Winch, for the arreares due by him for rent, and that a lease of ejectment be sealed to eject him.

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Thirsdaye, the 1t daye of October, 1646, annoque xxij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior*. Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Thomas Cope, [Assistant.]

Resolved upon the question that Mr. James Chamberlaine, in lieue of 4 yeares' rent arreare, doe immediately pay to Mr. Wylder, Chamberlaine, the summe of 6 poundes, and henceforth the full rent.

Agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Vachell *et aliis* to free the Towne from free quarter of soldiers, in regard of the infeccion, and their great charg in buylding pesthouses.

Alsoe agreed that 30*s*. be paid by the Chamberlaine to Mr. Welbeck for gravelling Caversham bridg formerly.

[p. 309.] Mundaye, the 5th of October, 1646, annoque xxij^do regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. George Wooldridg, *Maior*. Mr. Richard Holloway, *elect*, Mr. Simon Dee, justice, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

Att this daye Mr. Richard Hollowaye, the now elected Mayor (by direccions of the Charter), in the presence of his last predecessor

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Mayor and the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes, then being, did take his corporall oathes, vizt.,

1. The Oath of Supremacie.
2. The Oath of Maior and Justice of Peace and Quorum, of and in this Borough and the liberties thereof.
3. The Oath to doe the office of the Clerke of the Markett within this Borough, during the time of his Mayoraltie there.

And then alsoe Mr. George Wooldridg, the last Mayor, did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Borough, during one wholle yeare next comminge.

And then alsoe Thomas Cope and Willyam Belchamber (being formerly chosen Chamberlaines) did take their oathes to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough, for this yeare, vizt.,

Richard Alright Joell Steevens Richard Castle	Constables, jurati.
Willyam Knight Thomas Tilleard George Cooper Edward Gold	gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
John Haines Willyam Clerke	gardiani Nove[6] Warde, jurati.
John Remnant John Sturdie	gardiani London Ward, jurati.
John Cleere Thomas Underwood	gardiani Minster Ward, jurati.
Francis Avery, jun. Daniell Gallant	gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.

This day itt was putt to the question whether Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mayor, should be allowed the antient fee of 60*li.* for his yeare, or 40*li.* Resolved that he should have the antient fee of 60*li.*, by theise number of voices, viz., IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18].

[6] Novi, MS.

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[p. 310.] Friday, the ninth day of October, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Joell Stevens, Samuell Jemmott, Richard Castle.

This day Captaine Morris required allowance for free quarteringe within the Boroughe of three serjeantes, two drummers, three corporalls, one gentleman of pikes, one gentleman of armes, and threescore common souldyers; whereupon it was putt [to] the question, what each man should be allowed. Resolved that the 3 serjeantes shalbe paid 5*s.* 6*d.* a weeke a-peice, which is weekly . . . . . .

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
	0	16	6
The two drummers 4*s.* a weeke a-peice, which is weekely	0	08	0
The three corporalls 4*s.* a weeke a-peice, which is weekely	0	12	0
The gentleman of pikes 4*s.* a weeke, which is weekely	0	04	0
The gentleman of armes 4*s.* a weeke, which is weekely	0	04	0
The 60 souldiers 2*s.* 8*d.* a weeke a-peice, which is weekely	8	0	0
Summ total	10	04	6

And Captaine Morris, being asked by what order or authoritie he required this, said he had noe order under any man's hand, but would bring order sometymes the next weeke, whereby to enhable the Maior and Aldermen to taxe and levie this money upon the inhabitantes, and for the Companie's discharge.

Agreed that the weekely pay shalbe begun[7] as from yesterday, and that for the present supply of the necessitie of the souldiers,

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Mr. Wylder, the Chamberlen, shall deliver to Captaine Morris fyve poundes in money, which shalbe repaid out of the taxe.

The Colleccion bookes of each parishe are apointed to be sent in to Mr. Wylmer to write the names, and not to sett the taxe till the Company meetes againe.

This day alsoe were many questions about a newe schoolemaster, but nothing resolved upon.

Munday, the xijth day of October, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. George Woldridge, justice, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, John Chandler, John Stevens, Samuell Jemmott, William Bisley, Richard Castle.

This day Captaine Morris brought a warrant from Thomas Barham, Quartermaster Generall, to Major Generall Browne, for quarteringe of Collonell Bacster's souldyers within the Towne. Whereupon it was ordered and agreed that, for payment of the said souldiers weekelye 10*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.* for 3 weekes, a taxe or rate for 3 monethes, accordinge to the severall Collection bookes, shalbe forthwith made and gathered. The warrant is upon the fyle. Collectours apointed as appeares upon the fyle.

[p. 311.] Wenesdaye the 14° daye of October, 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright *, Richard Birch *, John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott *, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

Att this day the Law-day for the Borough was holden.

Nomina Juratorum, vizt.,

Robert Skeate, juratus primus.

Edward Poole	jurati.	Richard Maulthus	jurati.
John Cule		James Lavoll	
John Myles, sen.		William Markham	
Richard Stevenson		Thomas Browne	
Christofer Goade		William Castle	
Hugh Smith		John Wylder, jun.	
Robert Remnant		Richard Ewin	
John Butler, sen.		John Kent.	

John Filpe, cooper, juratus, to informe the Jury.

Robert Skeate, Christofer Goade, Edward Poole, John Cule . . . } assignati Affirers, et jurati.

The Jury apointed to give in their verdict the Wensday next after Midlent Sunday next.

Ordered that every juryman be fyned 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, if they doe not attend when the forman calleth or sendeth for them.

[p. 312.] Friday, the xvjth day of October, 1646, at Mr. Maior's house.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This day Mr. Page and Mr. Winche, tenantes to the landes in Bray, of the guifte of the late Archbishopp of Canterbury to this Corporacion, attended, desiring some allowance and abatementes

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for their taxes and sufferinges. Agreed that Mr. Page shalbe allowed for contribucion from Michaelmas, 1645, to Michaelmas, 1646 . . . .

	li.	s.	d.
	6	10	4
Alsoe for free quarter since the 4th daye of Aprill, 1646, for Strowde . . .	4	05	1
	10	15	5
Now due from Mr. Page for his halfe yeare's rent .	35	0	0
The said allowance being deducted, vizt. . .	10	15	5
Resteth due from him . . .	24	04	7
Agreed alsoe that Mr. Winch shalbe allowed for contribucion for each farme, from Michaelmas, 1645, to Michaelmas, 1646 . . .	06	10	4
Alsoe for contribucion for Little Strowd that tyme	04	19	8
Alsoe for free quarter, since the 13th day of Aprill, 1646, for Little Strowde and Castle farme .	04	00	9
Alsoe allowed Mr. Winch, for the 4th parte of halfe yeare's rent, due at Lady day last, for Castle farme	08	15	0
	24	05	9
Now due from Mr. Winch for his halfe yere's rent of Little Strowde	26	10	0
Alsoe now due from him for one whole yeare's rent of Castle farme	70	00	00
	[96	10	0]
The said allowances being all deducted, vizt. .	24	05	9
Resteth due from him . . .	72	04	3
Soe received in all now of the tenantes . .	96	08	10

[p. 313.] Munday, the 19th day of October, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston,

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Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Stevens.

This day a warrant from the Committees of Parliament for the Countie of Berkes, for the rating and leavieinge of 170*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, being two monethes' pay, accordinge to the weekely assessment, now laied upon the said Boroughe, apointed to be employed for the disbandinge of the forces of the garrisons of Abingdon and Readinge, &c., was read, and thereupon ordered and agreed that the said 170*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* shalbe assessed and rated upon the inhabitantes of the Towne, after the rate of 80 weekes' taxe, accordinge to the severall Colleccion bookes. The warrant is on the fyle of this yere.

This day alsoe Mr. Peter Burningham, being senior Alderman, did take his oath to execute the office of Justice of Peace, within the Borough, duringe his naturall life.

Wenesdaye, the xxjth day of October, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Woldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope *, Richard Alright *, Robert James *, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle *.

Upon the peticion of John Blackman, a poore scholler in St. John's Colledge in Oxford, itt was agreed that 40*s.* be allowed to him, out of the Hall rentes, to supply his present necessities.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Beisley be allowed, out of his accompt (as Constable), x*s.*, which he hath ingaged himselfe to pay for the curing of Maurice Greene's hand.

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This day fortnight is apointed for the searchers and sealers of leather to take their oathes.

Agreed that a new taxe of 40 weekes' payment (accordinge to the severall Colleccion bookes) be made for the further releife of the visited people.

Henry Tubb is apointed, with the assistance of some carpenters, to view and consider what convenient roomes are needfull to be made againe in the House of Correccion, and to bring an accompte thereof to the Company att two of the clocke in this afternoone.

[p. 314.] Henry Benwell this day paid to Mr. Cope, the Chamberlen, 4*li.* in part of payment of his arreres.

Robert James this day paid 100*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guifte, heretofore borrowed by Mr. George Thorne, sen., and he promised to paye vj*li.* behinde for interest to William Belchamber, the Chamberlen; which 100*li.* was presently putt into the great chest.

To the Right Worshipfull the Maior and Aldermen of the Boroughe of Readinge in the Countye of Berks.

The humble Peticion of Walter Knight, Edward Wylmer, sen., and Edward Wylmer, jun., Attorneys of the Courte of the Borough aforesaid.

Shewes,

That for the time beyond the memory of man untill the Maioraltie of Mr. Robert Malthus, or neere thereaboutes, there never were but three Attornyes practizers in the said Court, and an Attornye's place then fallinge voide, the then Maior and Capitall Burgesses did, contrary to the former course and custome, make upp the number of fower Attornyes, and their being not ymployment for them all worth their attendance, the Maior and Capitall Burgesses shortly after, in the Maioraltie of Mr. William Kendrick, proposed and resolved to reduce them to the former number, and thereupon Mr. Anthony Mason and your peticioners, Walter Knight and Edward Wylmer, sen., (being then all Attorneys of the same Court) did, by the perswasion of the then Maior and Capitall Burgesses, disburse a competent summe of money to the full value to Mr. John Buckner, then another Attornye of the same Court, to resigne his said place, which was accordingly done. And thereupon the then Maior and Capitall Burgesses did give their full

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consent, and did order and decree that from thenceforth, during the lives of the said Anthony Mason, Walter Knight and Edward Wylmer, sen., and the longest liver of them, and afterwardes, duringe the pleasure of the said Maior and Capitall Burgesses, there should remaine and be but three Attornyes practizers in the said Court, and afterwardes, upon lettres procured by Mr. John Cornwall from the Earle of Holland, then High Steward of the said Towne, to the Maior and Capitall Burgesses, to admitt him an Attorney in the said Mr. Buckner's place, pretending the place to be voide by his resignacion, the then Maior, viz., Mr. Robert Bent, and the rest of the said Capitall Burgesses did, under their handes and the Towne seale, certifye the said Earle of Holland of the said order and agreament, as by the recordes appeareth; who, upon consideracion had thereof, did rest satisfied with the said order and agreament, and thereupon the said order did remaine and stand in force till the Mayoraltie of Mr. Thomas Harrison, whoe, being unacquainted with the said order, and without acquainting your peticioners with the intent of swearing a new Attorney, did admitt Mr. Henry Rogers to be a fourth Attorney.

Your peticioners humblye pray that the former order may be revived and stand in its former force, and that, upon the next vacancie of an Attornye's place, there may be but three Attornyes during the life of the said Walter Knight and Edward Wylmer, sen., and the survivor of them, and, afterwardes, during the pleasure of the Maior and Aldermen.

And your peticioners shall dailye praye, &c.

Upon consideracion had of the Peticion nowe preferd by the aforenamed Walter Knight and Edward Wylmer, sen., Attornyes in this Court, for the reasons therein expressed, the Maior and Aldermen (being fully satisfyed therein) doe order and decree that, during the life of the said Walter Knight and Edward Wylmer, sen., and the survivor of them, and, afterwardes, during the pleasure of the said Maior and Aldermen, there shall remaine and be but three Attornyes in the said Court.

[p. 315.] Munday, the 26th day of October, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr.

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Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, William Beisley.

This day it was putt to the question how the souldiers of Collonell Baxster, nowe quartered in the Towne, should be paid this weeke's payment, being the 3d weeke, in regard the taxe is not all gathered. Resolved that the money which is alreadie collected, with the names of those in each parishe which are behinde of that taxe, shalbe delyvered to Ensigne Larkin, and he, or some other officer, to collect that is behinde, and soe to pay the souldiers, or else to place souldiers in the houses of those which refuse to pay according as it was agreed. And alsoe agreed, in case that money cannott be collected, and Mr. Maior constrayned to pay itt, that then he shalbe repaid the same out of some other taxe.

Mundaye, the 2d of November, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxijdo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Woldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

[Assistantes.]

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Richard Castle.

Mr. Chandler delivered in his accompt for such monies as he received and disbursed for the visited people; which appeares upon the file.

Agreed that a 2*d.* taxe (for the quartering of Collonell Barkstead's soldiers) within the Borough, be forthwith collected by the former taxe, and these collectours are appointed to gather the same, as followeth,

For St. Lawrence parish, Henry Tubb, John Miles.

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For St. Margaret parish,	Walter Fellowe, jun., Francis Lewendon.
For St. Giles' parish,	Thomas Philpe, John Woodstock.

[p. 316.] Wenesdaye, the fourth daye of November, 1646.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye Willyam Stanton desired a new lease of his house, at vj*li.* rent, which was denyed, whereupon the said Willyam Stanton promised to leave and yeild itt uppe at Ladie-day next, that a newe tennant maye enter.

In St. Lawrence parish	Mr. Henry Fruin Mr. John Webb	Appointed to bring in the names of such inmates and forreynors as are inhabiting each parish.
In St. Marie's parish	Mr. William Brackston Mr. John Harrison	
In St. Giles' parish	Mr. Thomas Bateman Mr. James Arnold	

Agreed that Mr. Fowler and Mr. Wylde be desired forthwith to repaire to the Freeschoole, to prove Mr. Pocock, whether he be a sufficient and able schoole-master to teach the schollers and fitt them for the Universitie.

Agreed that Mr. Wylmer write to Mr. Knight about Benwell's businesse, to knowe what he hath done in itt.

Friday, the sixth daye of November, 1646.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott.

Edward Creed prohibited to putt any more cattle to pasture in St. Lawrence parish church-yard.

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Robert Westmerland referr[ed] himselfe to the judgment of Mr. Maior and Mr. Wooldridg, for the reconsiling of the difference betweene the parish of St. Giles and him; ordered, that Mr. Westmerland doe forthwith pay the 10*li.*, of [*blank*] guifte he hath in his handes, to the Church-wardens of St. Giles' parish. And Mr. Westmerland was contented itt should be paid to them out of the monies he was to receive for building the pest-houses, now in Mr. Jemmotte's handes. And then Mr. Jemmott and Mr. Seakes promised to give him their best assistance for the helping to such moneyes as the parish of St. Giles owes him.

This day the Collectors of the first taxe for the visited people brought in their accomptes, what money they received and paid, how much was in their handes, and what ungathered in the severall parishes; which was put upon the file.

[p. 317.] Satterdaye, the 7th daye of November, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Georg Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

Agreed that Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, and Mr. John Harrison, shall goe to London and attend the Peticion which Mr. Knight hath now sent downe.

This daye there was taken out of the great chest and delivered to Mr. John Harrison, Sir Humfrey Forster's bond, and Willyam Earle of Devonshire's bond, to carry to London to declare upon.

Agreed that a lat. Vic. Oxon versus Radulphum Whistler, generosum, Johannem Lyford, Henricum Benwell, ad sectam Majoris, &c., Ret. the latter end of this terme, be forthwith sent for.

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Mundaye, the ixth daye of November, 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridg [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye itt was made knowne to the Company that there was received this Michaellmas, of the tennantes to the Archbishoppe's landes att Bray . . . . *li.* *s.* *d.* 96 08 10

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Where-of was paid to Doctor Pordage, Vicar of St. Lawrence parish	25	00	00
To Mr. Thomas Pococke, the Schoolemaster .	10	00	00
Towardes the byndinge of 5 boyes apprentices to severall masters, ten poundes a-peice . .	50	0	0
To Mr. Wylmer	02	0	0
Layd into the greate chest for the Visitour's entertainement	08	0	0
In the Chamberlen's handes . . .	01	8	10
	96	8	10

The names of the Apprentices and of the Masters are as followeth, vizt.,

1. Daniell Hall, sonne of Willyam Hall, late of Reading, laborer, deceassed, to be bound apprentice to Richard Thorne, of Reading, broadweaver, for [*blank*] yeares, whoe agreed to paye the boye xl*s.* at th'end of the terme.

2. Arthur Curtis, sonne of Willyam Curtis, late of Reading, apothecary, deceassed, to be bound apprentice to John Mighill, of Reading, pinner, for 7 yeares, whoe agreed to give bond to pay the apprentice 5*li.* at th'end of the terme.

3. Samuell Cowdrye, sonne of Thomas Cowdry, to be bound apprentice to Richard Merrifeild, of Reading, cordweyner, for 7 yeares, whoe is to paye the apprentice 4*li.* att th'end of the time.

4. [*blank.*]

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[p. 318.] 5. [*blank*] Elkins, sonne of [*blank*], to be bound apprentice to [*blank*], of Reading, clothier, for [*blank*] yeares.

Willyam Jaques, apprentice to Mr. Robert Dee, was this daye commanded to attend his master and his service, and Mr. Dee was contented to receive him at Christmas next.

Henry Mappleton, sonne of Henry Mappleton, deceassed, was intended nowe to have byn bound apprentice to Richard Hussey, of Readinge, barbor, but his lott falling out not to have the money, the said Richard Hussey was contented to continue the said Henry Mappleton his apprentice, and rest upon the Maior and Companie's pleasures, when the Bishoppe's money comes againe for byndinge of boyes—x yeares, xl*s.* to the boy at th'end of the tyme; not to be bounde till November, 1648.

This daye John Blackman, a scholler in St. John's Colledg in Oxon, returned a gratulatory epistle to the Maior and Aldermen for their love to him, which appeares upon the file.

This daye Edward Wylmer, sen., delivered to Mr. Maior in writing the names of those that owe the 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's guifte, whoe are to be warned in against next Wenesdaye, to shew cause why they doe not pay the money.

Agreed that the remainder of the Bishopp's money, being about iiij*li.* xij*s.*, in the Chamberlen's hand, shalbe to bynd a poore boy in St. Mary parishe to be an apprentice.

Wensday, the xjth day of November, 1646, 22° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Tanfeild Vachell, Esqr.

Then Thomas Goade informed that Thomas Cope, when the Kinge's forces were in Towne, did voluntarily goe with two of the Kinge's officers to Roger Shervill's howse, when he was sicke, to take away his coales, to send them to Oxford to the enemie there, against the Parliament.

Roger Shervill saith that Thomas Cope, at severall tymes, had some coales of him for the courtes of guard, and paid him for them,

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and further that the said Thomas Cope, with two of the Kinge's officers, did, at the tyme when he was sicke, come to his howse for some coales, and, fynding but a small parcell there, went away and had none of him; and denyeth that he heard Thomas Cope say that wee must have your coales to send them to Oxford.

And Thomas Cope confesseth he went with the two officers, being comanded thereunto, to Roger Sherville's howse, to see what coales were there, and fyndinge very few, and pittyeing his sicke condicion, went away and medled with none of them, and denyeth to speake theis wordes, that wee must have your coales to send them to Oxford.

And soe theis wordes to be spoken by him not being prooved, the said Thomas Cope was quite clered of this matter.

John Winch his busynes is referred till next weeke.

John Ward, tanner, aprentice to Mr. Nicholas Gunter 8 yeares, per indenture, payeing his freedome money, shalbe admitted a freeman, &c.

William White, clothier, is apointed to pay in the 50*li.* before St. Andrewe's day next, at the farthest; and he said it should be paid in speedily.

This day Mr. George Thorne's two bondes were layed into the boxe in the clausett.

Alsoe this day Edward Skynner, a poore fatherlesse boy, was apointed to have the x*li.* in Blackman's steed, by reason he is shortly to have a wife:—xl*s.* in th'end, viij yeares to be bounde.

[p. 319.] Wensday, the 18th of November, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Robert James, William Beisley.

John Winch is apointed to attend againe about his busynes when Mr. Thomas Blower [*blank*]

This day Mr. Maior committed Goodwife Lovejoye's daughter to counter, for jearing and scoffing Mr. George Woldridge.

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Thomas King is apointed presently to pay in his *4li.* x*s.* arrere of his rent, and is apointed to attend againe this day senight, about his new rent for the tolle of the Markett.

Agreed another 3 monethes' taxe, according to the former taxe, shalbe forth[with] made, to pay 3 weekes' more for quartering of souldiers.

Robert Kent, late apprentice to Thomas Alder, cordwayner, 8 yeares, per indenture, prooved by his master (payeing his freedome money), shalbe admitted a freeman and registred, &c.

This day one of the keyes of the greate chest was delyvered to Mr. Burningham, and th'other Mr. Maior tooke to delyver to Mr. Woldridge.

Munday, the 23 November, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Samuell Jemmott, William Beisley.

This day agreed that the Churchwardens and Overseers in each parishe, with some others of each parishe, should meete sometymes this weeke by themselves and sett, indifferently, a proporcion how many Souldyers shalbe quartered or paid in each parishe, that soe the next weeke Mr. Maior may be freed from the trouble and vexacion of the Souldiers any further.

[p. 320.] Wensday, the xxvth day of November, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas

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Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Joell Stephens, Samuell Jemott, William Beisley, Richard Castle.

This day a letter from Mr. Vachell, with a peticion therein concerning Mr. Thomas Harrison's busynes, was read, and, the peticion being approoved, the Company present subscribed their names thereunto, and agreed that Mr. Wylmer should write a letter to Mr. Vachell and returne the peticion therein by Mr. William Belchamber.

This day alsoe it was agreed that Thomas King should speedily pay in his *4li.* x*s.* arrere for rent, and alsoe that the said Thomas King should have and holde the tolle of the Markett, from Michaelmas day last, for one whole yeare, att and for the rent of 38*li.*, to be paid monthly, by equall portions, beginninge his first payment thereof att the first monethe's end after Michaelmas day last; which the said Thomas King did then agree to and accept.

Wenesdaye, the ixth of December, 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, justice, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

[Assistantes.]

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Mr. William Beisley.

[John Wilder, jun., *in margin.*] Agreed that John Wylder, jun., in full of all dues and demandes from the Company, shall have a new lease of Barton Turnor's shoppe and of Richard Shawe's shoppe (he bringing in the former leases), from Michaellmas last, for xxj^tie^ yeares, at the rent of xx*s.* per annum, and under such usuall covenantes and condicions as the Hall leases are made. And

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alsoe agreed that the said John Wylder, yearely, during the said xxj[tie] yeares, from Michaellmas last, shalbe paid xl*s.* (by the Chamberlin for the time beinge) yearely at Ladye-day and Michaellmas, by equall porcions, in liew of that shopp which now Thomas Peppes hath, and which John Creed formerly held.

Memorandum, the occasion of this businesse concerning John Wylder was in the yeare when Mr. Thomas Thackham was Maior.

[p. 321.] [Willyam Beisley, *in margin.*] Mr. Willyam Beisley and Anthony Hollowaye were contented to submitt to the former order of Mr. Wooldridg and Robert Bent, concerning the difference betweene them touching Willyam Holloway, the apprentice of the said Willyam Beisley.

[Sturdie and Levens, *in margin.*] Agreed that John Sturdye and Richard Levens shalbe paid 50*s.* (out of the money collected for the visited people), towardes their losse in the close of grounde they hold, by reason of the horses feeding there belonging to the pest-houses.

[Goodwife Lane, *in margin.*] Goodwife Lane appointed to attend Mr. Maior at his house, about the money shee was promised when shee first went in to the visited people.

[Thomas Plumridge, *in margin.*] Agreed that old Thomas Plumridge shall have one of John Alarder's Almes-houses, now void by the deceasse of John Poles.

Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder and Mr. John Webb, are appointed to goe to Grinmer Hill[8] to speake with Henry Benwell about his rent arreare, and to knowe what he doth about felling the woodes, and alsoe to goe to Whitchurch and to speake with Lyforde's executors about his rent arreare, and to view the house and landes there, and to make a report thereof to the Company at their next meetinge.

[Mr. Thomas Curtis, *in margin.*] Agreed that Mr. Thomas Curtis shall have the 100*li.* in the chest, of Mr. Richard Johnson's gifte, for 6 monethes, he givinge securitye, Mr. Willyam Milles and another sufficient man, for repayment thereof at the same time, and payeing after the rate of 7*li.* per cent.

[8] Grimmer Hill; *see p.* 235.

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Wenesday, the xvjth daye of December, anno Domini 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Georg Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward.

Mr. George Wooldridg acknowledged that he had Phillip Smithe's bond for *7li.* in his handes.

And Mr. Knight acknowledged that he had the v*li.* which Hulbert had with an apprentice, as appeares formerly upon this booke.

[Mr. Wooldridg, *in margin.*] This daye Mr. George Wooldridge desired to have his fee paid him, whoe was requested to stay till the Chamberlaines' accomptes were given in, which wilbe about Mundaye next.

[Mr. Maior, *in margin.*] Mr. Maior this daye delivered in his accompt of such monyes as he received and paid for the quartering of Colonell Barkstead's soldiers; which appeares upon the file of this yeare.

[Francis Thackham, *in margin.*] Francis Thackham was this day appointed forthwith to gather in the amerciamentes.

This daye Francis Thackham brought in a bill, or noate, of money due unto him from the Corporacion, which came to 8*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*, which was agreed should be paid him in this manner, vizt., 4*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, due to the Hall for his rent at Michaellmas last, to be outsett in parte of the bill, and th'other 4*li.* 7*s.* 10*d.* to be paid him out of the money he is to gather upon the amerciamentes.

[p. 322.] Quarterday, Fridaye, the xviijth daye of December, 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. George Wooldridg [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr.

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Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, esquire, Steward, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

[Mr. Ball, *in margin.*] Agreed that Mr. Ball shalbe presented with a good sugar loafe, a pottle of sack and a pottle of clarrett.

[Captain Goddard, *in margin.*] Mr. Cope this daye moved the Company, in the behalfe of Captain Goddard, to abate him x*s.* a yeare in his rent, towardes the buyldinge of the barne, now blowen downe, which was denyed, in regard itt was the poore's money, and Mr. Cope was appointed to certifye Captain Goddard that he must either deliver in the old lease and paye his arreares, or ells stand to the new lease as itt is made.

[Schoolemaster, *in margin.*] Agreed that Doctor Pordage, Mr. Saxbye, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Wilde, and Mr. Pocock, the schoolemaster, shall meete in the Councell Chamber on Tuesday next, come fortnight, in the afternoone, to prove and trye whether Mr. Pocock be of abilitye to fitt schollers for the Universitie.

[Robert Westmerland, *in margin.*] Agreed that Robert Westmerland, towardes the reparacions of Huddle's house, shalbe abated three yeares' rent arreare, and alsoe that his lease shalbe renued for 3 lives, at the old rent, the better to incourage him to repaire the same.

This daye it was putt to the question, whether or noe Robert Westmerland should be abated any of his rent arreare and due to the poore, and resolved that he should not be abated any, for that it belongs to the poore.

[John Lesson, *in margin.*] Agreed that the Chamberlaine shall paye to John Lesson for his present releife x*s.*

[Christopher Lyford, *in margin.*] This daye Christopher Lyford desired a new lease of the land which his father held in Whitchurch; and thereupon it was agreed that he should have a new lease from Ladie-daye next for xxj^{tie} yeares att l*s.* per annum, soe as he give securitie for payment of his rent and pay to the Chamberlaine

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6*li.* 6*s.* in this manner, vizt., xl*s.* at Candlemas next, and 4*li.* 6*s.* at Ladie-day next, or otherwise noe bargaine. Mr. Christopher Lyford is alsoe abated, towardes taxes for the landes, 1*li.* 15*s.*

[Phillip Smith, *in margin.*] This daye Phillipp Smith was appointed by his sonne-in-lawe, Grantum, to clense the Markett place; and the Company, at their next meetinge, will settle that businesse in some certen order.

[Willyam Norcott, *in margin.*] Agreed that Willyam Norcott shall have a new lease of 2 tenementes in Gutter Lane, att the old rentes, from Michaellmas last, for 99 yeares (if 3 lives live soe longe), and payeing herryott, &c.

[Willyam White, *in margin.*] This daye Willyam White, a blacksmith, being a forreynor, peticioned to be admitted a freeman within this Borough, whoe by a generall vote was denyed to be admitted for the present.

[p. 323.] [Robert House, *in margin.*] Agreed that Robert House shall have a new lease of the house in St. Giles' parish, late Mary Staple's, from Ladie-daye next, for 99 yeares (if, &c.), at 6*s.* 8*d.* rent and herryot, if, &c.

[James Winch, *in margin.*] James Winch his peticion was aunswered, that on Tuesdaye next in the afternoone the Company will meete at the house there to view how thinges stand, and then the peticioner shall have a further resolucion.

Mundaye, the xxjth daye of December, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, John Chandler, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

[Mr. Knight, *in margin.*] Mr. Walter Knight was this daye appointed to take out warrantes to arrest Mr. [*blank*] Whistler and Henry Benwell.

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[Mr. Thomas Curtis, *in margin.*] This daye delivered to Mr. Thomas Curtis the 100*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's gifte, and laid into the till of the chest the bond for the same.

[Mr. Thomas Cope, *in margin.*] Whereas Mr. Richard Burren, in his life-time, did lend unto this Company xxv*li.*, and forasmuch as Thomas Cope hath made it knowne that the said debt is assigned to him by Mr. Burren's executors, itt is therefore this daye ordered that, in full thereof, Mr. Thomas Cope shalbe paid the same in this manner, viz., 4*li.* this yeare, and afterwardes, during the terme of 7 yeares, 3*li.* per annum, to be paid him by the Chamberlaine for the time being.

[Mr. George Wooldridge, *in margin.*] Mr. George Wooldridg this daye demanded his fee, as he was Mayor, or soe much thereof as was unpaid; whereupon it was ordered that Mr. Wooldridge shall receive and have, to his owne use, of Mrs. Maulthus, the xx*li.* which Mr. Vachell hath assigned her, to paye in parte of his rent arreare and due to the Hall, which xx*li.* Mr. Wooldridg afterwardes received.

[Mr. Thomas Thackham, *in margin.*] Agreed that Mr. Thomas Cope, the Chamberlaine, shall pay to Mr. Thomas Thackham 10*li.* in money and outsett in his rent arreare 13*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, in parte of payment of 45*li.*, oweing to Mr. Thackham (upon his accompt) by the Hall.

[Warrantes to levye 5*li.* of the goodes of forreynours.] Agreed that the warrantes shalbe sealed by Mr. Maior, to levy 5*li.* a-peice of Edward Kent and George Harrison's goodes, for keeping open shoppe and puttinge wares to sell by retaile, contrary, &c.

[Charters, *in margin.*] This daye delivered to Mr. Fruin and Mr. Beisley, to be perused by Councell, theise Chartres, vizt., the Charter from King Henry the 8th, 2 Charters from King Edward the 6th, and the Charter from Kinge[9] James. All taken out of the great cheste.

[p. 324.] Wenesdaye, the 6th of January, anno Domini 1646, annoque vicesimo secundo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Georg Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon

[9] Kinges, MS.

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Dee, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Mr. Hersey, Willyam Beisley.

[Mr. Hersey, *in margin.*] The Company present agreed that Mr. [*blank*] Hersey shalbe Assistant in Councell to this Court, untill Mr. Daniell Blagrave be of full capacitie to sitt as Steward there.

[Solomon Barnard, *in margin.*] Solomon Barnard this day desired to be paid the xx*li.*, which hee paid to Robert Westmerland, upon Mr. George Wooldridge (late Maior) his request, whereupon Solomon Barnard was appointed to give notice to Robert Westmerland to bring in his accomptes, and then course to be taken for satisfaccion of the same.

[John Astlate and Robert House, *in margin*]. This daye John Astlate his lease (upon the request of Robert House, and by his consent), of the tenement in St. Giles' parish, late Mary Staples', was sealed.

[Roger Sherfeild to have 50*li.* for 3 yeare of Mr. K. money, *in margin.*] Agreed that Roger Sherfeild, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, for 3 yeares, giving securitie Willyam Berry, th'elder, of Caversham, and Willyam Bennett, of Reading, taylor.

[Mr. Pocock, *in margin.*] Mr. Pocock, the schoolemaster, this daye appeared and said, he attended yesterday for his tryall, accordinge to former agreament, and noe other man attended to that purpose; and the Company moved that another day should be appointed for that purpose, but Mr. Pocock refused to attend againe.

Fridaye, the 15° daye of January, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, [Assistant.]

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Agreed that Phillipp Smith and Gabriell Grantham shalbe arrested with a Towne accion, if their bond be made in the Chamberlaine's names; if in the Corporacion names, then to take out a writt.

[J. Stoniford, *in margin.*] This daye John Stoniford, heire of John Eyre, deceassed, in performance of John Eyre's guifte, this first yeare after his deceasse, brought 50*s.* in money, and outsett for taxes and contribucion monyes in this yeare xxxvj*s.* viij*d.*, and this being all which he could make of the landes this yeare, the Company were contented to accept of itt, which Mr. Wylmer is appointed to paye to Mr. Belchamber, by him to be disposed as the will directeth.

[p. 325.] [Robert Creed, *in margin.*] Agreed that Robert Creed shalbe paid the x*li.* (which is oweing to him for bread, and for which he hath arrested Mr. Thomas Thackham), in this manner, vizt., 5*li.* at Midsummer next, and 5*li.* att Christmas next, to be paid him by the Senior Chamberlaine for the time beinge.

[Edward Browne, *in margin.*] Alsoe agreed that ix*li.* oweing to Edward Browne (for bread) by this Corporacion shalbe paid him att Michaellmas next.

[Robert Creed, *in margin.*] Alsoe agreed that the aforesaid Robert Creed shalbe paid xj*li.* more (oweing to him for bread) att Michaellmas, 1648, by the Chamberlaine for the time beinge.

Mundaye, the xxth daye of January, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Willyam Belchamber, [Assistant.]

[The answer to the Smithes' peticion.] This day the Smithes peticioned the Company to remove White and Nightingall (being forreynors), using the trades of Blacksmithes within this Towne, as soone as may be; whoe were aunswered that the Company would advise with their Councell, and then will take such course as the lawe will afford therein.

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[Phillipp Smith, *in margin.*] This day Phillipp Smith and his wife and Gabriell Grantham were appointed to pay in the 7*li.*, due upon bond forthwith, and alsoe to bring in their bills about the Shambles, and then the Company will take their businesse into consideracion.

Goodwife Lovejoy appointed to attend againe on Wenesdaye next.

Memorandum, delivered to Mr. Starkey, the Charter of Kinge Henry the 8th, and alsoe three paper or parchment old writinges, taken out of the great cheste, for his direccions to search the Recordes of the Tower.

[p. 326.] Satterdaye, the 30th day of January, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This day an Ordinance of Parliament and a lettre from Mr. Vachell, concerninge Mr. Thomas Harrison's accions, was read.

Ordered that a lettre be forthwith sent to Mr. Tanfeild Vachell and Mr. Ball, to returne them thankes for their love to the Corporacion.

This day, by the appointment of Mr. Maior, delivered to Mr. Thomas Cope, to be sent to London to Mr. Knight (according to his letter), the English coppy of the new Charter, and alsoe the Ordinances or By-lawes that were made in Mr. Anthony Knighte's time.

Alsoe delivered to Mr. Thomas Cope the 5*li.* left by Henry Benwell, of Grimmer Hill, in parte of payment of his rent arreare.

Wenesdaye, the xth of February, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

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Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Joell Steevens, Richard Castle.

This daye delivered to Mr. Thomas Cope, Edward Clarke's old lease of Joseph Easte's house.

[William Moore, *in margin.*] Agreed that Willyam Belchamber the Chamberlaine, shall pay to William Moore the xl*s.* which was expended for candlelightes (for Morninge Prayer about 4 yeares past), out of Mr. William Kendricke's rentes.

Alsoe agreed that another taxe of xxvj^{tie} weekes' paye, accordinge to the last taxes, be forthwith made, aswell for the releife of the nowe visited people, as alsoe for the payment of such debtes as are oweinge for their former releife, vizt.,

To Thomas Cope . . .	10*li.*
To Solomon Barnard . .	20*li.*
To Robert Westmerland . . .	10*li.*

[Mr. Thomas Cope, *in margin.*] Memorandum, Thomas Cope this daye acknowledged to have received 50*li.* of James Winch, junior, parte of Mr. John Kendricke's 500*li.*

Agreed that William Wolfe, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's 500*li.*, for 3 yeares, givinge securitie Mr. John Webb, Edward Poole, Robert Poore, for repayment thereoff att 3 yeares' end.

[p. 327.] [Francis Thackham, *in margin.*] This daye Francis Thackham sent 5*li.* to the Hall, which he had for George Harrison's cloth that was distreyned, which Mr. Thomas Cope received.

Mr. Thomas Cope and Mr. Willyam Belchamber, Chamberlaines, are apointed to enter Richard Tue's house (for not paieing of rent), and to lett the same to some other tennant. Alsoe they are appointed to speake with Joseph East about the surrender of his lease.

Agreed that Mr. Willmer shall attend Francis Thackham, and make a new quittrent booke.

The Collectors of the last taxe for the visited people are appointed on Munday next to give in their accomptes.

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Wensday, the 17th day of February, 1646, 22° regni regis Caroli Anglie.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

John Burren confessed then to keepe an alehowse; forbidden to keepe it any further.

Henry Benwell is apoynted to attend this day fortnight, and to bring his accomptes with him, and then the busynes to be fully resolved uppon.

This day Christopher Lyford paid 5*li.*, and promised to pay xxvj*s.* more at Lady-day next, for his rent, as was formerly agreed on.

Received this 5*li.* by me, William Belchamber.

Wensday, the 24th day of February, 1646, at Mr. Edward Wylmer's howse, then and theire, William Belchamber, being Chamberlen, for charitable uses, received of the said Edward Wylmer the said five poundes, which Christopher Liford paid.

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Then Mr. Thomas Cope, one of the Chamberlens, paid to John Hancocke, carpenter, the some of fyve poundes of lawfull money of England, the receipte whereof the said John Hancocke then acknowledged, and, in consideracion thereof, the said John Hancocke promised and agreed, at his owne proper costes and charges, for and duringe the terme of fyve yeares next ensueinge the date hereof, well and sufficiently to repaire and mainetayne the Drawbridge Bay and the Long Bay on the North side, being partes of Caversham Bridge, in all tymber and carpenters' worke.

Witnesses hereunto, Edward Wylmer, sen., and James Hall.

Thomas Cope,
John Hancocke, his mark, I H.

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[p. 328.] Munday, the 22th day of February, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Woldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

This day, itt being understood that the Assizes for the Countie of Berkes shalbe holden att Readinge, on Friday the xijth day of March next, itt was thereuppon agreed that towardes the enterteynment of the Judges' allowance, should be as followeth, vizt., the Judges' lodginge att Mr. Thomas Thackham's; and three barrells of beere, one gallon of sacke, one gallon of clarett, one sugar loafe, one freshe salmon, two quarters of oates; two Stewardes, x*s*. a-peice.

This day Mr. Walter Knight did make it knowne that the suite by Mr. John Strughill, against certen persons of the Company and others, wilbe heard in Chancery the first Satterday in Easter terme next.

Agreed that the x*li*. which Mr. Belchamber received of Mr. Henry Knapp, in parte of his rent due, shalbe equally devided and paid to the Overseers of the poore in eache parishe, for the reliefe of the poore there.

This day Richard Birch promised to pay in the 50*li*. for which he standes bound with William Bedford and Thomas Winckles, at Easter next, without any further trouble or delay.

[p. 329.] Wensdaye, the 3d of March, 1646.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Mr. Thomas Cope, Mr. William Belchamber.

Henry Benwell is appointed to attend againe this day fortnight. Memorandum, to looke out the deedes concerninge those landes.

Memorandum, William Belchamber is apointed to repaire and fence Mr. William Kendricke's Almeshowse.

Memorandum, to looke out the deed concerning Mr. Edward Hamlin's gifte.

This day Richard Smith and Richard Levens, searchers and sealers of leather, having abused themselves in their office by sealinge greene leather, were putt out of their office, and the seale taken from them, and afterwardes William Goodale and John Aslin, cordwayners, were sworne in their roome, to execute the office of Searchers and Sealers of Leather, within the Boroughe, and the seale delyvered to them.

Wenesdaye, the xvijth day of March, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, [Assistant.]

John Tredwell, a forreynor, promised by this daye senight to departe this towne with his childe.

This daye Henry Benwell attended, according to former agreement, but went away and nothing was done about his businesse.

This daye it was moved and desired, by Mr. Maior and the rest of the Company, that Peter Burningham and Mr. John Harrison would be reconsiled and made friends; which was not then done.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall deliver unto Mr. Daniell Blagrave the English coppye of the new Charter, and the Bye-lawes and Constitucions made in Mr. Anthony Knighte's time.

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[p. 330.] Quarterday, Friday, the xixth of March, anno Domini 1646, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright *, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle *.

[Robert Bent, *in margin.*] This daye itt was putt to the question, whether or noe Robert Bent, apothecary, shalbe admitted a freeman within this Borough. Resolved by theise number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIIII [10], that the said Robert Bent, payeing iij*li.* for a fine, shalbe admitted.

[Nathaniell Jemmott, *in margin.*] This daye agreed that Nathaniell Jemmott, junior, shall have xxv*li.* of Richard Johnson's gifte, he givinge sufficient securitie for repayment thereof, &c.

[Mr. John Dewell, *in margin.*] Mr. John Dewell (holding a lease from the Corporacion of some small tenements att the Old Yeld Hall, at xxiiij*s.* rent per annum) desired an abatement of his rent arreare, but was aunswered that he should not be abated any.

[Mr. Henry Knapp, *in margin.*] Mr. Henry Knapp appointed to attend next Wenesdaye come 3 weekes, to shew cause (if he cann) whie hee should not pay all his rent.

Mundaye, the xxixth of March, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr.

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William Brackston, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye Nicholas Daniell, a forreynor, was committed to the Counter for mocking and jearing Mr. Maior and the rest of the Company.

Alsoe this daye were divers forreynours convented before the Company and warned to departe the Towne with their families, whose names appeare upon the file.

Memorandum, Mr. George Wooldridg this daye acknowledged to have in his custodye the Exchequer decree concerninge Mr. John Kendricke's money, and the printed Will.

And alsoe Mr. Daniell Blagrave acknowledged to have in his keeping the coppye of the Bishoppe's deed.

[p. 331.] Thursdaye, the xvth of Aprill, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, John Chandler, Samuell Jemmott.

Agreed that John Cleere, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, for 3 yeares, provyded he be registred a freeman, and give sufficient securitye for repayment thereof. He was apprentice to Clement Kent 7 yeares, by indenture, approved by John Kent, sonne of the said Clement, being a broad-weaver.

Henry Benwell this daye appeared and brought bills for quarteringe of souldyers and other allowances, which were delivered to him againe; and the Company offered to accept of 48*li.*, to be paid att Michaellmas next, securitie to be given for the same, and the wooddes to be left without spoylinge, and the possession then to be given uppe, and to bringe in his lease the next weeke for all rent arreare and to be due at Michaellmas next, but Henry Benwell and his wife refused to accept of the same, and soe they

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departed, and the Company resolved to prosecute the lawe, with effect, against Benwell.

This daye Mr. Peter Burningham and Mr. John Harrison, by the mediacion of the rest of the Company, were reconsiled and made friends.

Ordered, that if any [of] the Company shall, att any time hereafter, misbehave himselfe, in word or deed, against any other of the Company, that then the partie soe offend[ing] shall forfeit 5*li.*, and presently pay the same, or ells shalbe committed to Counter till he payeth the same.

[p. 345.] Good Fridaye, the 16th daye of Aprill, 1647, annoque xxijdo regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

The names of the 3 poore maidservantes which are elected to cast the lottes this day for the twentie nobles, viz.,

1. For St. Lawrence parish, Anne Parker, 10, won the lott, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*
2. For St. Marie's parish, Margarett Coxe, 7.
3. For St. Giles' parish, Bridgett Smith, 9.

Memorandum, this is the sixth yeare, if any from Southcott were capable, and there was presented one, Jane Strattin, servant to Sir John Blagrave 6 yeares this day, who was voted uncapable and put by, by reason shee had a stock of money.

This day [*blank*], the wife of Tobie Marten brought 10*li.* in a new lether purse, accordinge to the direccions of Mr. John

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Blagrave's will, and it was, by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes, paid and distributed as the will directeth, viz.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Anne Parker who this day did win the lott	6	13	4
To the Preacher this daye . . .	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church to give to 60 weomen 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Church to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	0
To the junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence Church	0	03	4
To the clerke and sexton there . .	0	06	8
To the clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
In all [*sic*]	10	00	00

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Willyam Brackston's guifte was this daye distributed as his will directeth, vizt.,

To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parish .	01	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	01	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	01	0	0
To 20 poore men, vizt., 7 in St. Mary parish, 7 in St. Lawrence parish, and 6 in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice	01	0	0
	04	00	00

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. William Legge's guifte was this daye distributed as his will directeth, viz., to 24 poore housholders 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.,

To 8 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	01	06	08
To 8 in St. Marie's parish . . .	01	06	08
To 8 in St. Giles' parish . . .	01	06	08
	04	00	00

Alsoe 3*li.* of Widowe Worsleye's guifte was this daye distributed as her will directeth, to 60 poore widowes xij*d.* a-peice, vizt.,

To 25 in St. Giles' parish . . .	01	05	00
To 25 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	01	05	00
To 10 in St. Marie's parish . . .	00	10	00
	03	00	00

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[p. 346.] Alsoe xx*s.* of John Eyre's guifte was this daye distributed to xx^tie^ poore housholders, viz.,

	li.	s.	d.
To 7 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	00	07	00
To 6 in St. Marie's parish . . .	00	06	00
To 7 in St. Giles' parish . . .	00	07	00
	01	00	00

Ordered that Widow Symons, late wife of Roger Symons, butcher, deceassed, upon good securitie, shall have xx nobles of the lottery money for [*blank*] yeares.

1° Maii, 1647.

Memorandum, Robert James paid to Thomas Cope ten poundes for Mr. George Thorne, and thereupon the bond was delyvered uppe. It is parte of Mr. John Kendricke's money.

Wenesdaye, the xixth daye of Maye, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

This daye James Avery and John Collins were sworne to execute the office of fleshtasters within this Borough.

Quarter-daye, Munday the 14th of June, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne*, Mr. James Arnold*, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber*, Richard Alright, Richard Birch*, John

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Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

This daye Willyam Beisley brought in his accompt of such money as he received of swearers and drunkardes in the time of his office of Constable, and how the same money was disbursed to the use of the poore, which accompt was allowed and putt upon the file.

Alsoe itt is agreed that Mr. Willyam Wylmer and Edward Wylmer shall seale the lease which Winchester, surviving feoffee, hath sealed to Oliver St. John, Esq., concerning the land in Buckingham-shire, of the guift of Doctor Swaddon and his wife, for the use of the poore. [Remarke, *in margin.*]

[p. 347.] Whereas Mr. John Page and Mr. Richard Winch are behinde of last Ladie-daie's rent 16*li.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, this daye Mr. Richard Winch, in the behalfe of himselfe and Mr. Page, brought in bills of disbursementes for taxes and contribucion moneyes, which came to the summe of 12*li.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, whereupon itt was put to the question whether they should bee abated 8*li.* or 6*li.*, and itt was resolved that they should be abated the 6*li.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, out of which Mr. Winch is to have his proporcion according to his rent.

Nicholas Lanfeare appointed to goe to Mr. Henry Knapp to wish him to attend here on Wenesday next about his businesse.

Edward Wylmer is appointed to write a letter to Mr. Handes concerninge the monyes arreare to the poore.

This daye itt was ordered and agreed that all the tennantes to the Towne shall paye their rentes, accordinge as the same growes due, and if any shall refuse, then the Chamberlen for time being is authorised to take out writtes in the Companie's name to arrest them.

Henry Tubb and [*blank*] Woodes are appointed to attend on Wenesdaye next about their businesse.

Ordered that Elizabeth Kenton, widowe, shall forthwith paye to the Chamberlen 3*li.* of her rent arreare, and as for abatement, the Company will take itt into further consideracion when the Waterworkes are repaired.

Mr. Knight appointed to send for a writt against the Widowe Jaques, Mr. Kendrick and Humfrey Dewell, for one of the xxv*li.*

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Wenesdaye, the xxxth daye of June, anno Domini 1647.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Henry Aires this day desired to be admitted a Serjeant att the Mace in the roome and steed of Francis Thackham, deceassed, and was answered, when more of the Company mett, itt should be further considered of.

Henry Hinde, carpenter, this daye brought with him Mappleton's sonne and said if he might have x*li.* of the Bishopp's money with him, he would take him as his apprentice, but the Company would make him noe promise.

1° Julii, 1647.

By the appointment of Mr. Mayor, delivered to Mr. Cope, chamberlen, two of John Newberie's bondes, viz., one for the payment of x*li.* att Ladie-day, 1646, and th'other for the payment of 5*li.* att Ladie[-daie] last, being both for parte of Richard Bartholmewe's xxv*li.*

[p. 348.] Mundaye, the xijth daye of July, 1647.

Att Mr. Maior's house.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Georg Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb.

This daye Henry Tubb and Willyam Wooddes were appointed to be Keepers of the House of Correccion (within this Borough) for the countie of Berkes, & for the arreares due from the countie to the Keepers of the said House of Correccion during, &c., itt is agreed [they] shalbe equally shared betweene the said Henry Tubb & Willyam Woodes, when the same or any parte thereof shalbe paid. Henry Tubb is appointed to have one chamber in the said House for his owne private use and Willyam Woodes to have two chambers, and both of them, the said Henry Tubb and Willyam Woodes,

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to have equally the managing of the mill in the said house. Willyam Woodes agreed to paye to the said Henry Tubb the one halfe of such monyes as the said Henry Tubb shall make appeare he hath expended about the reparacions of the said mill.

Agreed that a certificate (concerninge the want of repaire of the House of Correccion) should be forthwith made, desiring those whome itt may concerne that the arreares due to this Corporacion for the said house may be satisfyed that soe the said house maye be repayred.

Which certificate was accordingly made, a coppy whereof appeares upon the file.

Wenesdaye, the 14th daye of July, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. George Wooldridg [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, justices; Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye Mr. Thomas Pocock, the schoolemaster, desired payment of his stipend and arreares due to him by the Charter, whoe was answered that further consideracion should be had thereof, and in the meane-time Mr. Pocock is appointed to bringe in coppies of the certificate and orders of the Committee for his admittance.

Agreed that the 100*li.* of Mr. [*blank*] guifte (which Mr. Thomas Curtis hath now paid in) shall be taken into the Hall's charge, and the Hall henceforwardes to pay the vj*li.* per annum to the releife of the poore, accordinge to the donor's guifte.

Agreed that Nathaniell Jemmott, junior, shall have the 25*li.* of Mr. Johnson's guifte, upon his securitie nowe presented, viz., John Fruin, Willyam Grover, Thomas Browne.

[p. 349.] This day itt was put to the question whether there should be any more then two Serjeantes att Mace; resolved that there shalbe but two untill the Hall be hereafter better enhabled, &c.

Agreed that the two Serjeantes shall have new gownes provyded for them betwixt this and Michaellmas next.

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Mr. Belchamber and Mr. Cope are appointed to goe to Mrs. Jenninges to demand the rent due from her to the Hall.

Mundaye, the xixth daye of July, anno Domini 1647.
Att Mr. Maior's house.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Mrs. Margarett Thackham shall have libertie to stay in the Counter till shee can, betwixt this and Michaellmas next, with convenience dispose of her goodes, and shee then promysed, in case any prisoner be committed to the Counter whilest shee remaines there, that shee will free and discharge the Mayor and Company from all and every such prisoners, and such debt and debtes as they shalbe committed for (in case of any escape).

Alsoe agreed that Thomas Skinner shalbe Counterkeeper in Francis Thackham's place, the said Thomas Skinner giving bond with two sufficient sureties, viz., Mr. Peter Thorne, and George Man, to performe his office and to discharge the Maior, &c., 100*li.* bond.

Wenesdaye, 28° Julii, 1647. In the Councell Chamber.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Webb.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, steward, [Assistant.]

This day Ralph Ewstar and John Tucker, beinge sureties for Jonathan Smithe's apparance att the next Assizes, and informing that the said Jonathan Smith is not able to appeare by reason of his sicknesse, and for that he hath submitted himselfe, desired that the recognizance might be withdrawen and not returned, which was condiscended unto, and thereuppon the said Ralph Ewstar

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and John Tucker promised to save Mr. George Wooldridg harmelesse of all thinges for not returninge the said recognizance. And alsoe the said Mr. Mayor and the rest of the Company present promised and agreed, in case Mr. Wooldridg should be troubled about the same, that then they would pay and beare their severall shares of such charges as Mr. Wooldridg shalbe put unto concerninge the same, &c.

[p. 350.] Wenesdaye, the fourth daye of August, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Hollowaye, *Mayor*. Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, steward, Willyam Belchamber, [Assistants.]

This daye agreed that Mr. Pocock shalbe forthwith paid five poundes (towardes his arreares of his stipend due to him from the Hall) if the Chamberlen have any money in his handes.

Mrs. Jenninges and her sonne, Mr. Thomas Seakes, are appointed with Mr. Thomas Thackham to attend this daye three weekes and to make auditt for Mattingley rent.

Wensday, the xjth day of August, 1647, 23° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, steward, Mr. Thomas Cope, [Assistants.]

Mr. John Webb and Mr. Walter Knight are apointed to goe to Mr. Hannet aboute the poore's money, and to bring his answere therein.

John Darker is to pay 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for his arreres and for his rent due at Michaelmas next, and is to pay 40*s.* thereof at Bartlemewtide, and 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* fourteene daies after Michelmas next.

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This day it was informed that Goodwife Knight in the Almes-house is late deceased, and thereupon 3 other poore widowes were named, vizt., Goodwife Persey, Goodwife Shervill, Goodwife Hancocke.

Mundaye, the 16th daye of August, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Richard Castle.

This day agreed that a taxe of 13 weekes' paye by the Collecion-bookes be forthwith made and gathered for the releife of the visited people.

Collectors appointed to gather the same, vizt.,

In St. Lawrence parish	Thomas Tilleard. Willyam Knight. George Cooper.
In St. Mary parish	Thomas Underwood. John Cleere. Francis Abrey, jun.
In St. Giles' parish	John Sturdie. John Remnant. Daniell Gallant.

[p. 351.] Thirsdaye the xxvjth [daye] of August, 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Thomas Cope, Joell Steevens, [Assistants.]

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Consideracion being had of the great number of poore people now visited with the infectious desease of the Plague within the Borough, and the daily charge of the Towne, and that a new house must now be built for their releife, it is therefore this day ordered that the 13 weekes' taxe formerly agreed on shall now be 40 weekes', and to be forthwith gathered by the Collectours before appointed.

This day Mr. Willyam Blague did take his oath to execute the office of Coronor within the Borough.

This daye ordered and agreed that Mr. Thomas Cope and Mr. Joell Steevens shall presently take course to buy 100 of deale boardes, and with them and other fitting materialls to buyld a convenient house with a double chimney therein, upon some parte of the Conduitt Close, for airinge roomes for the visited people, and they are desired to be as provident husbandes therein as they may. And the same is appointed to be paid for out of the xl. weekes' taxe nowe agreed on for the visited people.

Eleccion-day, Mundaye, the 30th daye of August, 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

Att this daye the Mayor and Aldermen, by direccions of their Chartre, did name 3 of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this daye (being the last Mundaye in August) in the Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those 3 Aldermen soe named by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present this daye,

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should be elected Maior of this Borough for the yeare next comminge, as in and by their Chartre it is required, vizt.

1. Mr. John Harrison, IIIIIIIIII [10], IIIIIIIIII [10], elected.
2. Mr. Thomas Bateman, I.
3. Mr. Peter Thorne.

Att this daye alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as their Charter requireth, vizt.,

Thomas Cope, IIIIIIIIIIIII [13].
Willyam Belchamber, IIIIIIIIIIIII [13].

[p. 352.] This daye itt was putt to the question whether Mr. Knighte's bill of xl and odd poundes should be signed; resolved that it should, by theise number of voices, vizt., IIIIIIIIIIIII [13].

Ordered that Mr. Cope and Mr. Belchamber, with Mr. Walter Knight, shall waite on Mr. Whitlock, and desire him to pay those moneyes which he owes to the Hall in regard of the necessities of the Hall. And afterwardes the Chamberlen is to pay Mr. Knight his bill as soone as he shalbe in stock.

Agreed that a peticion shalbe forthwith presented to the Honorable Sir Thomas Fairfax for the vindicacion of the Company and Towne from the aspercions laid upon them by Captaine Goddard and others. Alsoe agreed that the Company, or the greater parte of them, shall goe to Sir Thomas Fairfax about the same.

Wenesdaye, the fifteenth daye of September, 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Holloway, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., steward, [Assistant.]
Mr. Bulstrode Whitlock.

This daye the said Mr. Bulstrode Whitlock desired that those landes which were formerly granted by him to certen feoffees, in the behalfe of the Towne, for which he paies 87*li.* rent per annum, might be altered and changed for other landes, to witt, for certen

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landes called Henly Parke and Hales Wood in Henly parish, being of as good value as the former landes for the constant making good of the said rent.

Whereupon itt was agreed that Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Wylder and Mr. John Webb shall this day senight, in the morninge, goe to Henly to Mr. Whitlocke's and veiw the said landes, and make report of the quallitie thereof to the Company att their returne.

Alsoe Mr. Whitlock desired to have a lease back againe of the said landes att the said yearely rent of 87*li.*, and upon such covenantes and condicions as are in his former lease.

Alsoe Mr. Whitlocke moved the Company that he might have libertie, att any tyme hereafter, to alter and change the landes now to be conveyed, for other landes, soe as the other landes to be granted in liew thereof lye within tenn miles of the Towne of Readinge, and be of as good yearely valew for the mainteyninge of the said yearely rent; to all which the Company did condescend. Mr. Whitlock in the meane-time to prepare the deedes and writinges; and all deedes and writinges from time to time to be prepared att the costes and charges of the said Mr. Whitlock.

[p. 353.] The names of the new Feoffees agreed on by the Company.

Clement Marlowe	John Fruin
Willyam Oades	Richard Underwood
Richard Hunt	Willyam Knight
Roger Steevens	Richard Saunders
Peter Horne	Willyam Brackston
Richard Maulthus	Willyam Holloway.

This daye Mr. Adam Denton and Sarah, his wife, were reconsiled and made friends, and, in toaken thereof, he saluted her, and they both said they would from henceforth live lovingly together as man and wife.

Alsoe this daye the suitors for one of the Almes-houses of Sir Thomas Vachell's building, now voide by the decease of Thomas Hamblen, were as followeth, viz., Stephen Marshall, Willyam Ibson, Peter Clerke.

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Thirsdaye, the xvjth daye of September, anno Domini 1647.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridg, justices; Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Willyam Beisley.

An agreament betweene the Company present and John Hancock, carpenter, and John Saunders, mason, for and concerninge the buyldinge of a house upon some parte of the grounde which the said Mr. Henry Fruin holdes from Sir John Blagrave, knight, scituate nere the Conduitt Close in Readinge; the said John Hancock to buyld for the use of the said Henry Fruin upon the said grounde a sufficient frame of timber for a house, 30 foote in length, and 18 foote in bredth, with particions for 2 roomes therein, to be done forthwith.

The said John Saunders, with all convenient speed, to pave, make a double chimney and lay the foundacions of the said house with brickes, and tile the said house, and to performe all other mason's worke belonging to the said house. In consideracion whereof, the said Henry Fruin doth agree to paye 18*li.* 0*s.* 0*d.*, and the rest of the Company present doe agree that, out of the money to be collected for the visited people, shalbe paid 8*li.* 0*s.* 0*d.*, in all 26*li.* 0*s.* 0*d.* Of which 26*li.* John Hancock is to have 13*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.* for his share, and John Saunders to have 13*li.* 00*s.* 00*d.* for his share. And the said Henry Fruin, in consideracion of the said 8*li.*, soe to be paid as aforesaid, doth agree that the said house shalbe for the use of the visited people of the said Borough of Readinge untill such time as itt shall please God to cease this visitacion. And in case [it] shall please God to visite this Towne againe the next yeare and noe tennant be then in the house (if there be want of an house) then likewise to suffer the said house to be for the use of the visited people againe.

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[p. 354.] Quarter-daye, Mundaye, the xxth of September, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior*. Mr. John Harrison, *elect*, Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles*, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

[Willyam Markeham, *in margin.*] This daye itt was agreed that Willyam Markeham shall have xxv*li.* of Mr. Richard Ironside's guifte for 5 yeares (he givinge good securitie and payeing the charges of suite, and first layeing downe the money upon the table. His securitie, Mr. Willyam Tattnall and Mr. Metcalfe.

[Mr. Daniell Blagrave, *in margin.*] This day alsoe Mr. Daniell Blagrave moved the Company in the behalfe of the Justices of Peace of the Countie of Berkes, and for the said Countie to have a lease of the house in Readinge, now in the occupacion of Willyam Stanton and adjoyning next to the Gaole there, and thereupon itt was agreed that they should have a lease thereof, paieing the old rent of viij*li.* per annum and repayringe the same.

[Mrs. Jenninges, *in margin.*] Whereas Mrs. Jenninges wilbe indebted, att Michaellmas next, for the landes att Mattingly, just xx*li.*, itt is now agreed that shee shall be abated v*li.* thereof, soe as shee then paye xv*li.*

[Henry Knapp, *in margin.*] Alsoe this day ordered and agreed that Henry Knapp, tennant to the landes att Northstreete shall paye x*li.* more, in full of all his rent arreare till Ladie daye, 1646, and for his yeare's rent due att Ladie-daye, 1647, (being 56*li.*) and for his halfe yeare's rent due next Michaellmas, being 28*li.*, in all

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84*li.*, shall pay 76*li.*, there being deducted and allowed unto him 8*li.* out of the said 84*li.* for contribucion money upon his billes now brought in. Soe he is to paye in all 86*li.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

[Christofer Lyford, *in margin.*] Mr. Belchamber, the Chamberlaine, appointed to send to Christopher Lyford, tennant to the landes at Whitchurch, to know whether he will paye the rent due for the same and have his lease according to former agreament.

[John Blackman, *in margin.*] Upon the peticion of John Blackman (a poore scholler in Oxford, in St. John's Colledge there) formerly exhibited, itt was agreed that he shall have xl*s.* out of the monyes for Charitable uses to beare his charges in takinge his degree.

[John Darker, *in margin.*] John Darker (upon his request) is licensed to assigne over his lease to Anthony Biddis.

[Mr. Pocock, *in margin.*] Mr. Pocock is appointed to be paid some of his arreares by the Chamberlaine soe soone as he receaues any rentes.

[Henry Clayton, *in margin.*] Henry Clayton promised to paye his xxv*li.* at Michaellmas next, accordinge to his bond.

[Richard Seelye, *in margin.*] Richard Seelye promised to paye vj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* for Lavold[10] att Michaellmas next.

[p. 355.] [Mr. John Web, *in margin.*] Mr. John Webb promised to paye 6*li.* 13*s.* 04*d.* for William Tame att Michaellmas next.

[Georg Lowgrove, *in margin.*] Alsoe agreed that if George Lowgrove, tennant to landes at Burghfeild, give not satisfaccion for his rent arreare and due att Michaellmas, that then Mr. Walter Knight shall take out proces against him with some others.

[Phillip Hill, Daniell Weare, Nicholas Lanfeare, *in margin.*] Agreed if Phillip Hill pay not in his 5*li.* and Nicholas Lanfeare his 5*li.* and Daniell Weare his 5*li.*, before next terme, that then Mr. Walter Knight shall take out proces against them with some others.

[William Norcott, *in margin.*] Agreed Willyam Norcotte's lease shalbe sealed some other time.

[10] Lavoll, *elsewhere.*

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Wenesdaye, the xxixth daye of September, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxij^do^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, [Assistant.]

Richard Steevenson, brasier, this day affirmed that John Thorne, brasier, was his apprentice by indenture 8 yeares, and had truly served him.

Agreed that Thomas Kinge shall have the tolle of the Markett for one wholle yeare from this daye att 44*li.* rent, and the said Thomas King is appointed to bring in his aunswer to-morrow whether or noe he will accept thereof.

Afterwardes that day Thomas King gave in his answere in the Councell Chamber that he holde the tolle of the Markett for a yeare from this day, payeing the said 44*li.* rent, and that he would pay it quarterly, as he paid his rent before.

Satterdaye, the 2^d^ daye of October, 1647, annoque xxiij^o^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Mr. Richard Hallowaye, *Mayor.* Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Att this daye the Jurors for the last Lawe-day brought in and delivered their presentmentes accordinge to their direccions for enquirye.

And then Mr. Steward and the fower Affirers, formerly sworne, did affire, taxe and assesse the fines and amerciamentes accordingly.

[p. 356.] September the fowerteenth, 1657[10].

Then this Booke was shewed unto Mr. Edward Wilmer and James Hall and answered unto, as appeares by their answeres to the third interrogative on the part of the defendantes at the time of their examinacions against Willyam Moore, complainant.

William Strowde.
Richard Potenger.
Charles Pearce.

[10] With this memorandum of 1657, and 4 blank pages, the Manuscript ends.

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[Here follow, to p. 269, entries of Admissions to the Freedom and of Cases tried in the Mayor's Court, 1637–41, which occur on pp. 333–42 of the Manuscript.]

[p. 338.] Mr. George Thorne, *Maior*, 1637.

Lawrence Coxhead, a blacksmith, dwellinge in Towne, a forreynor, usinge his trade within the Boroughe, compounded for his freedome with the Mayour and Burgesses, paid his composicion fine xx*s.* and fees, admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit xx*s.*, *in margin.*]

Ellys Boules, tanner, served 5 yeares apprentice with Mr. Brackston, and for some causes he could not permitt him to dwell and serve the rest of his tyme, made his composicion with the Mayour and Burgesses and paid 3*li.* fine, excepting 5*s.* 6*d.* for officers' fees, admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit liij*s.* vj*d.*, *in margin.*]

Thomas Edes, ropemaker, tooke to his wief, the widow of Steven Remnaunt, ropemaker, made composicion for his freedome and paid his fine and officers' fees, & admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit xl*s.*, *in margin.*]

Thomas Marlowe, appotecarye, late apprentice to Richard George, appotecarye, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem. [13*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Thomas Sadler, broadwever, late apprentice to Thomas Champe, wever, 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.* (?) *in margin.*]

John Bartlett, clothier, late apprentice to John Webb, clothier, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Thomas . . . . ., late apprentice to William . . . . ., broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Frauncis Browne, jun., baker (?), late apprentice to Frauncis Browne, sen., 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

John Tucker, taylour, livinge in Towne, forreynour, usinge his trade within the Borough, compounded for his freedome and paid xx*s.* and fees, admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit 10*s.*, *in margin.*]

John Pidgeon, cutler, compounded for his freedome and paid his fine and fees, admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit 10*s.*, *in margin.*]

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Frauncis Johnson, taylour, late apprentice to Lawrence Creed, of Readinge, taylour, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Solvit . . . for a fine of the lease to Thomas Froome.

John Kent, broadwever, late apprentice to his father, Clement Kent, broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem. [Solvit 3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

[p. 337.] Mr. Anthonye Brackston, *Maior*, 1637.

Edward Poole, a sherman by trade, and a forreynor, havinge taken to his wief, Anne Lane, widowe, late the wief of John Lane, broadwever, deceassed, she havinge a charge of children to bringe uppe, compounded for his freedome and paid his fine, xl*s.*, exceptinge the registringe fee given. Admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [Solvit 40*s.*, exceptis 2*s.* 6*d.*, *in margin.*]

Ananias Porter, barber chirurgeon, sonne of William Porter, late deceassed, havinge served his father in the qualitye of a barber, manye yeares, in manner of an apprentice, was admytted, per composicionem, to use his qualitye, infra Burgum, etc. [Solvit x*s.*, *in margin.*]

John Frewin, grocer, late apprentice to William White, grocer, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[1] John Puckridge, sen., mercer, late apprentice to Humfrey Milles, mercer, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[1] Johannes Puckridge, jun., woollendraper, late apprentice to John Harrison, woollendraper, 8 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[1] Andrewe Vivers, mercer, late apprentice to John Jenyns, mercer, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[1] Thomas Dewell, woollendraper, late apprentice to his father, Mr. John Dewell, 7 yeares, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

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Richard Curtys, woollendraper, late apprentice to Mr. Arthur Curtys, woollendraper, 7 yeares, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

Roger Stevens, clothier, late apprentice to William Blacknall, clothier, 7 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

John Hall, wever, late apprentice to Thomas Pococke, wever, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

Benjamine Westwood, broadwever, late apprentice to William Sample, broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

Daniell Weyre, broadwever, havinge lived many yeres within the Borough in good sort, and takinge a poore boye, Phillip Burton, to his apprentice, 7 yeares per composicionem, admissus fuit in libertatem. [*marginal note indistinct.*]

Richard Wheeler, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Christofer Turnour, 9 yeares per indenturam, . . . 15 or 16 yeres per composicionem, admissus fuit in libertatem, etc., die et anno supradictis. [*marginal note indistinct.*]

Thomas Mosden, broadwever, late apprentice to Thomas Champe, broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

James White, clothworker, late apprentice to Nicholas Westwood, clothworker, 7 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

Henry Lavoll, broadwever, late apprentice to William Hulbert, broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

William Marbecke, joyner, late apprentice to Richard Cave, joyner, deceassed, 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[p. 336.] Coram Anthonio Brackston, generoso, Majore, 1638.

John Underwood, broadwever, late apprentice to John Lane, broadwever, 8 yeares per indenturam, etc., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [*marginal note indistinct.*]

Bartholmewe Harris, clothdrawer, late apprentice to Thomas Skynner, clothdrawer, 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi predicti. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

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John Wylder, jun., grocer, late apprentice to his father, John Wylder, sen., grocer, 7 yeares, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Walter Spott, broadwever, late apprentice to Henry Walker, broadwever, x yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [Dies datur usque Midsomer, *in margin.*]

Henry Blake, broadwever, late apprentice to Clement Kent, broadwever, [*blank*] yeres per indenturam. [Dies datur usque Bartlemewtide, *in margin.*]

Willyam Brackston, clothier, late apprentice to David Elkes, clothworker, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Thomas Cowper, broadwever, late apprentice to Richard Grantan, broadwever, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi predicti, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Thomas Erley, glover, late apprentice to Arther Horcker [?] glover, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Vincent Godderd, tanner, late apprentice to his father, Richard Godderd, tanner, 7 yeares, admissus fuit in libertatem, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

William Thorne, tanner, late apprentice to John Bartlott, tanner, 7 yeares per indenture, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Richard Malthus, tanner, late apprentice to Mr. Willyam Brackston, tanner, 7 yeres per indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Edward Baker, tanner, late apprentice to his father, Edward Baker, tanner, 7 yeres per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Phillip Hill, clothier, late apprentice to Richard Winche, clothier, 7 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

John Wye, wever, late apprentice to William Elkyns, wever, 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

John Deane, clothworker, late apprentice to Mr. Anthonye Brackston, clothier, 8 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem, &c. [iij*s*. iiij*d*., *in margin.*]

Thomas Spicer, sadler, late apprentice to Nicholas Noble, sadler,

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7 [yeares] per indenturam, probatum. [Dies datur usque 24° Augusti, *in margin.*]

James Lavoll, taylour, late apprentice to Richard Seeley, taylour, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum.

Michaell Redinge, dyer, late apprentice to John Smyth, dyer, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

William Charter, late apprentice to Richard Selye, taylour, 7 yeares per indenturam, probatum, admissus in libertatem, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.* *in margin.*]

William Bennet, taylour, a forreynour, havinge dwelt many yeares per composicionem, admissus fuit in libertatem. [xx*s.*, *in margin.*]

[p. 335.] Mr. Richard Burren, *Maiour,* 1639.

[2] Willyam Porter, barber, late apprentice to his father, William Porter, deceassed, 7 yeares, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[2] Richard Channell, victualer, not apprentice in the Towne, made composicion for his freedome, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [xx*s.* soluti, *in margin.*]

[2] Leonard Welbecke, beerebrewer, not apprentice within the Boroughe, made his composicion, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [xx*s.* soluti, *in margin.*]

William Fellowes, victualler, (not apprentice) within the Boroughe, made composicion, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [xx*s.*, dies datur, *in margin.*]

Thomas Tovey, victualler, not apprentice within the Boroughe, made his composicion, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [xx*s.*, dies datur al Bartlemewtide, *in margin.*]

[2] John Foster, woollendraper, late apprentice to William Stretch, woollendraper, 9 yeares by indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[2] William Lowgrove, late apprentice to Richard Hollowaye, clothier, 8 yeares by indenture, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

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[3] Andrewe Mace, late apprentice to his father, Andrewe Mace, 7 yeares by indenture, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [Mr. Steward promised payment, *in margin.*]

Christopher Willesby, apprentice to William Hitche, turnour, 9 yeares by indenture, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [Dies datur usque, etc., *in margin.*]

[3] Henry Moore, late apprentice to Anthony Hubbart, currier, 7 yeares by indenture, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[3] Samuell Browne, late apprentice to Robert Creed, 8 yeares by indenture, &c., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[3] Edward Burren, maulster, per composicionem, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi predicti, etc. [xx*s.*, non soluti, *in margin.*]

[3] Robart Farman, late aprentice unto Thomas Simes, clothier, 9 yeares, admissus. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[3] William Markham, grocer, late apprentice to Richard Markham, 8 yeares per indenturam, admissus. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

John Clarke, taylour, late apprentice to Timothie Banister, taylour, 7 yeares, [*blank*]

[3] William Plomridge, broadwever, late apprentice to William Plomridge, 8 yeares, [*blank. In margin*, iij*s.* iiij*d.*]

[3] Christofer Plomridge, broadwever, late apprentice to the said William, their father, 8 yeares, [*blank. In margin*, iij*s.* iiij*d.*]

[p. 334.] Mr. John Jenninges, *Mayour*, 1640.

Ricardus Greenawaye, clothier, late apprentice to John Greenaway, his father, for 7 yeares, admissus fuit; solvit 6*s.* x*d.* [3*s.* 3*d.* solvit Camerario, *in margin.*]

William Salter, taylour, a forreynour and not apprentice in the Towne, was by composicion allowed a freman, and paid xxx*s.* [30*s.* soluti Camerario per Willelmum Wilmer, *in margin.*]

Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Maiour*, 1640.

Frauncis Thackham, jun., a pynner by trade, and apprentice in [*blank*], was per composicion, for some causes best movinge, allowed to use his trade of pyn-makinge within this Boroughe, and was

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admitted into the libertie; x*s*. [x*s*. soluti Camerario per W. W., *in margin*.]

William Webb, a malster, allowed to use onely the trade of maltinge within this Boroughe, soe that he paye at Ladye-daye next, besides all other fees and dutyes, xl*s*.

John Mihell, a pynmaker, was allowed to use onely the trade of a pynner within this Boroughe, he payeinge by Lady-daye, besides the other fees of registringe, xx*s*.

Robert Smart, a silkweaver, was likewise then allowed, payeinge at Ladye-daye next, per composicionem, xx*s*.

George Lamboll, malster, allowed to use the trade of maltinge onely, he payeinge at Lady-daye (if he stay in Towne) xl*s*. and all other dutyes.

John Jemmatt, a cordwayner, late apprentice to John Asten, 7 yeares by indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem, etc., probatum per Johannem Asten, magistrum apprenticii. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

Memorandum, John Wylder, pewterer, [*blank*]

[p. 333[4].] Mr. Thomas Harrison, *Mayour*, 1641.

Clement Went, a taylor, late apprentice to John Bartholmew, 7 yeares by indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem, probatum fuit per Johannem Maye, magistrum apprenticii—solvit 6*s*. x*d*. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

Johannes Smith, a clothier, late apprentice unto Edward Richardson, 7 yeares by indenture, admissus fuit in libertatem, probatum fuit—solvit 6*s*. 10*d*. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

Johannes Underwood, clothier, late apprentice to Edward Richardson, clothier, 8 yeares per indenture, probatum, solvit 6*s*. 10*d*., admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

Willelmus Horne, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Richard Winche, clothier, 7 yeares per indenture, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

[5] Walter Spott, carpenter, late apprentice to Henry Walker, weaver, x yeares per indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s*. 4*d*., *in margin*.]

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Tempore Petri Burningham, *Majoris.*

Thomas Glasse, late apprentice to John Astin, cordwayner, viij yeares per indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

John King, late apprentice to his father, John Kinge, feltmaker, for 7 yeares by indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Richardus Goddard, late apprentice unto William Milles, clothier, for 7 yeares by indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

[6] William Bedford, sonne of Hughe Bedford, late of Readinge, deceassed, apprentice to George Curtys, broadwever, 8 yeares by indenture, probatum, et admissus fuit in libertatem, etc.

Richard Underwood, clothier, late apprentice to John Webb, clothier, 7 yeares by indenture, probatum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi.

Edwardus Andrewes, clothier, late apprentice to Mr. Anthony Brackston, 7 yeares per indenture, probatum fuit, et admissus in libertatem, etc. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

Coram Petro Burningham, generoso, *Majore.*

Willyam Whittear, sonne of Edward Whittear, apprentice to Walter Fellowe, jun., clothier, 8 yeares by indenture, probatum per magistrum, admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [3*s.* 4*d.*, *in margin.*]

[p. 334.] [6] James Winche, jun., clothier, late apprentice to Thomas Winche, clothier, 8 yeares per indenture, admissus. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[6] Theophilus Bent, an apothecary, late an apprentice to his father, Mr. Robert Bent, by indenture 9 yeeres, probatum, admissus fuit, etc. [iij*s.* iiij*d.*, *in margin.*]

[6] Henrie Bridgwater, late apprentice to Robert Stevens, grocer, 7 yeares by indenture, per composicionem admissus fuit in libertatem Burgi. [40*s.*, *in margin.*]

[6] Edward Burren, malster, per composicionem xx*s.* . . . [?] admissus fuit, etc. [xx*s.* soluti, *in margin.*]

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[p. 339.] 18 Januarii, 1640, pro domino Rege ab hinc in tempore ..... infra Burgum de Readinge in comitatu Berkes .....

12° Martii, 1640. Coram Thoma Harrison, generoso, Majore.

John Johnson taketh oath that Michaell Readinge hath threatned to be even with him and to doe some bodily harme, &c.

Michaell Redinge cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*, Mr. ..... Cantrell, ... Rowsel [?] manuceperunt separatim x*li.*, quod compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam in Readinge, etc., et quod interim, etc., prout. [Ad Sessionem Pacis proximam infra Burgum, *in margin.*]

Mr. M. Michaell Reading.

17° die Martii, 1640, xvj° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. Coram Thoma Harrison, Majore.

Humfrey Mills complayneth that Jeffry Richbell spake theis wordes of the Assessours of the Subsidyes, that they were knaves and fooles.

Edward Brackston and John Harrison say that Jeffrey Richbell spake theis wordes that d[e]mandinge how they could answere it before the face of God, they soe ass[essed ?] him that they could aswell answere the stealling of a horse, or killinge of a man.

Required to find sureties for his good behaviour.

Galfridus Richbell cognovit se debere domino Regi 40*li.*, Henricus Fruin, manucaptor, cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*, William Shottocke, manucaptor, cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*, quod[7] compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam in et pro Burgo de Reading ad respondendum ad omnia et quod interim se bene gerat, etc. [*Signed*] Jeffry Richbell. [Sessions Pacis, *in margin.*]

[p. 340.] 12° Aprilis, 1641. Coram Thoma Harrison, generoso, *Majore.*

William Winkles, feltmaker, complayneth and, uppon his corporall oath, informeth that uppon Saturdaye was senight, beinge the third day of this Aprill, in the night tyme, and last Saturday, beinge

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the tenth daye of this Aprill, in the night tyme, he lost and had stollen and carryed away from him out of his house and backside, certen woolle, to the value of x*s.*, and wine lees to the value of vj*s.*, and a salt fishe to the value of vj*d.* And he suspecteth that Arthur Herringe, a feltmaker, in Readinge, and William Woolf, his apprentice, did steale and take from him all theise goodes, and before that tyme two buckettes full of other lees.

Memorandum, quod predictus Willelmus Winckles cognovit se debere domino Regi xl*li.* quod ipse ad proximas Assizas prosequatur secundum statutum, etc. [Assises prox., *in margin.*]

Eodem die. Th'examynacion of Arthur Herringe, &c., feltmaker, whoe saith that he did not steale nor take awaye any of those goodes from William Winckles, neither is he in any wayes faultye or guiltye thereof.

The confession of Willyam Woolfe, apprentice to the said Arthur Herringe, aged xviij yeares or there-aboutes, taken before the said Thomas Harrison, Maiour, whoe saith that he never went to William Winckles' house to fetche or doe any thinge but by his master's commandement, and that his master ordered him to carrye awaye the lees he brought to him in a buckett he carryed with him of purpose to fetche the lees at this first tyme.

And at another tyme, about 3 weekes past, he carryed a-waye from William Winckles' house certen dyeinge stuffe called logwood and galles, and at that tyme his master promised him that all thinges amysse and out of order at home should be amended.

And that he was with his master, by his master's comaund, five or six tymes to doe and carrye suche thinges home as his Master delivered to him, and this Examinate staid in other men's backsides whilest his master did fetche those goodes out of Goodman Winckles' house and backside.

Memorandum, quod predictus Willelmus Woolfe cognovit pro se xl*li.*, Abraham Watkyns et Johannes Woolfe manuceperunt pro predicto Willelmo separatim per se sub pena xx*li.*, quod predictus Willelmus compareat ad proximas Assizas, etc. [Assizes prox., *in margin.*]

14° Aprilis. Coram prefato Majore.

Memorandum, quod predictus Arthurus Herring cognovit pro se xl*li.*, Thomas Hayes, de Magna Marlowe in comitatu Buckes,

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yeoman, et Johannes Marten, bricklayer, manuceperunt pro predicto Arthuro separatim sub pena xx*li.* per se, quod predictus Arthurus compareat ad proximas Assizas tenendas in Berks, ad, etc.

Eodem die. Memorandum, quod predictus Arthurus Herring cognovit domino Regi xl*li.*, Thomas Hayes et predictus Johannes Marten manuceperunt separatim sub pena xx*li.* per se, quod Johanna, uxor predicti Arthuri Herringe, compareat ad proximas Assizas, etc., ad respondendum ad omnia que tunc, etc. per Willelmum Winckles.

[p. 341.] 8° Junii, 1641. Coram Thoma Harrison, generoso, *Majore.*

Michaell Readinge, dyer, complayneth that, upon Satterday after May-day last, he lost, and [there] was taken from his pale at his doore, one peice of kersey cloth, colour french greene, conteyninge fower yardes, three quarternes, to the value of x*s.*, and he suspecteth one Willyam Smith, of Shiplacke, in comitatu Oxon., husbandman, to take, steale and carry awaye the same.

Michael Readinge cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.* ad prosequendum ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam in et pro Burgo de Reading secundum formam statuti.

[*signed*] Michaell Reading.

The examinacion of the said Willyam Smith. Whoe saith that upon that day he, being in Readinge, was overtaken with drinke and did take the said cloth and carry itt home, and, when he came to himselfe, sent the cloth home againe.

William Smith cognovit se debere domino Regi xx*li.*, Johannes Smith, de Shiplacke, Johannes Smith, de Readinge, manucaptores, separatim cognoverunt se debere domino Regi x*li.*, quod ipse Willelmus compareat ad proximam Sessionem Pacis tenendam in et pro Burgo de Reading ad respondendum ad omnia que objicient, et quod interim se bene gerat, etc.

Signum dicti Willelmi Smith, ⚲
Signum dicti Johannis Smith, X
Signum dicti Johannis Smith, de Readinge, ʒ

[p. 342.] 15° Septembris, 1641. Coram Thoma Harrison, *Majore.*

John Rayner, of Twittnam, in the countie of Middlesex, husbandman, aged xxv yeares, marryed unto Elizabeth his now wife aboute

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3 quarters of a yeare last past att St. George's Church in Southwarke, came from Twittnam[8] this morninge with his wife, and their journey was to Tossitur[9], com. Northampton, to visite his wife's freindes there; examined how he came by certen peices of pewter, viz[t]., 4 pewter platters, 2 quart pottes, wine quart, two saltes, 1 white candlesticke, 1 chamber pott and two brasen candlestickes, saith that they are his owne goodes, which he had in mariage with Anne Hawkes, widowe, his former wife, and brought those goodes to this Towne to sell.

Elizabeth Raymer, wife of the said John Raymer, saith they came from Stanes this morninge, and that they dwell att Littleton in Middlesex, by themselves, and brought theis parcells of pewter with them, and that they were there owne goodes, which he had in mariage with his first wife, and that their journey was to Alisbury in Buckes, and that they lodged at this [town] last night, but knoweth not the signe. Commytted to the House of Correccion[1].

[p. 1[2].] Mundaye, the 4th daye of October, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Richard Halloway, *Maior*. Mr. John Harrison, *elect*, [and] Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Bracston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

At this daye Mr. John Harrison, the now elected Mayor, by directions of the Charter, in the presence of his last predecessor

[8] *i.e.* Twickenham. [9] *i.e.* Towcester. [1] Pages 343 and 344 are blank.
[2] MS. Diary No. 4 begins here, preceded by 2 blank leaves.

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Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes then being, did take his corporall oathes, vizt.

1. The oath of Supremacie.

2. The oath of Mayor and Justice of Peace and Quorum of and in this Borough and the Liberties thereof.

3. The oath to doe the office of the Clerke of the Markett within this Borough, during the time of his Mayoraltie there.

And then also Mr. Richard Halloway, the last Mayor, did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Borough, duringe one wholle yeare next comminge.

And at this day alsoe the said Mayor, by and with the consent of the Aldermen his Brethren, did agree that the two old Chamberlaines, vizt., Mr. Thomas Cope and Mr. Willyam Belchamber, being formerly sworne, should continue to execute the office of Chamberlaynes of this Borough for the next yeare.

And at this day alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appoint Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for the next yeare, vizt.

Clement Marlow Robert Creed Willyam Oades	Constables, jurati.
Samuell Watlington Nathaniell Jemmott, jun. Anthony Clarke Willyam Terroll	gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
William Halloway Thomas Kenton	gardiani London Warde, jurati.
Joseph Clere Ralph Bowles, jun.	gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.
John Hatchman Joseph Cope	gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.
Jonathan Greenway Edward Aires	gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.

[p. 2.] This daye Mr. Mayor and Mr. Burningham gave in their report concerning the landes of Mr. Whitlock, (which att his desire they have lately viewed,) and which he offers in exchange for the former landes of him purchased. And they say and conceive that

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the landes now viewed and offered as aforesaid wilbe sufficient for the monyes laid out upon the former purchase.

This daie alsoe all Mr. Whitlocke's rent arreare and due to this daye being questioned, and itt being informed that he will pay but a third parte thereof, it was put to the question whether the matter as to the payment of the rent should be left to himselfe. Thereupon itt was resolved that itt should be left to himselfe, hopinge that, out of his ingenuitie and good nature, he would inlardge himselfe.

This daye alsoe Mr. John Harrison, Mayor elect, did move to have the allowance of the antient fee formerly allowed, which was not denyed him; and afterwardes put to the question, how he should be paid: and thereupon resolved that he should have the Tolle of the Markett this yeare, for which Thomas Kinge paid 44*li.*, with which the said Mr. John Harrison was content.

Wenesdaie, the vjth daye of October, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^{o} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Richard Hallowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

This daye agreed that Mr. Walter Knight, shall write a lettre to Mr. Whitlock, a coppie of which letter is upon the file of this yeare.

This day alsoe Richard Saunders, mercer, was committed to the Counter for his contempt, in refusing to appeare before the Mayor and Aldermen on Mundaye last, being twice sent for by the Serjeant.

This day alsoe Edward Browne, baker, demanded ix*li.*, which was due to him last Michaellmas from the Company, but was appointed to stay till the rentes were received by the Chamberlaine, and then payment should be made.

Mr. Willyam Page, late Schoolemaster of the Free Schoole in Readinge, this [day] sent a letter to the Company, thereby requiringe payment of some arreares of his stipend while he was Schoolemaster there, which lettre, with the aunswer thereunto, is upon the file of this yeare.

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Widowe Barnes, being a suitor for an Almeshouse in the roome of [*blank*], deceassed, was appointed to attend againe on Wenesdaye next.

This daye alsoe itt was agreed that another Taxe of xl weekes, accordinge to the former Taxe, shalbe forthwith made for the releife of the visited people.

[p. 3.] Munday, the 18th day of October, 1647, annoque 23° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Richard Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Woldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruine.

Assistantes.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joell Stevens, Samuell Jemmott.

This day the oath of a Warden was tendered to Richard Saunders, mercer, formerly named and apointed to be one of the Wardens for High Ward, whiche oath he refused to take, and, for that his refusall, was amerced and fyned fyve poundes; and he being required to pay the said 5*li.* refused to pay the same, and therefore he, the said Richard Saunders, was committed to the Counter.

Mr. Steward is apointed to draw a lettre, and Mr. Wylmer to write the same, in answere to Mr. Henry Goodwin's charitable proposition for the poore, the copie of whiche letter is upon the fyle.

This day Steven Marshall (by the consent of Mr. Tanfeild Vachell,) was chosen and apointed to be an Almesman in Sir Thomas Vachell's Almeshowse, in the roome of Thomas Hambleton, late deceassed.

Alsoe the Widowe Barnes is apointed to have the poore Almeshowse in St. Mary parishe in the roome of [*blank*], late deceassed.

Alsoe agreed that the last Taxe of 40 weekes shall stand towardes the releife of the visited people.

Alsoe it was resolved that Mr. Wylmer shall delyver upp to Mr. Thomas Thackham his bond, wherein he standes bound to the Hall, for his brother, Francis Thackham.

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Alsoe it was consented unto that Mr. Maior shall delyver the worst of the mares now seised to the Constables, for the use of the visited people (in case they want one), and the same mare to be apprised: and alsoe to Mr. Daniell Blagrave another of the said mares, (he re-delyvering the same safe againe, or the full value thereof.)

[p. 4.] Mundaye, the 25th of October, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Halloway, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave appointed to attend Judg Fesant about a Habeas corpus, now brought by Richard Saunders, being committed to the Counter for refusing to be one of the Wardens, &c., and to desire Mr. Vachell to accompany him in the behalfe of the Corporacion.

This daye agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall receave out of Mr. Whitlocke's money xl*li.*, due upon his former billes, and alsoe x*li.* towards future charges.

John Winch this daye desired to be admitted a Freeman, but was referred till Mrs. Blower affirme his service to be performed.

Att this daye the Lawe-daye for the Borough was holden.

[*blank*]	Searchers and Overseeres for true making of Wollen Cloth, jurati, and bound in 40*li.* a-peice.
James Berrey John Collins	Searchers for Flesh. *Stent.*
Thomas Peppes Mathew Turnor	Fishtasters. *Stent.*
James Hulbert Thomas Burton	Aletasters. *Stent.*
Willyam Potter Barnard Jerome Phillip Browne	Heywardes.

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Nomina Juratorum, vizt.,

Richard Alright, juratus primus.

Joell Steevens	jurati.	John Bartlett	jurati.
John Fruin		Solomon Barnard, jun.	
Peter Horne		Grigory Hersey	
John Redford		Joseph Stockwell	
Willyam Greenway		Richard Hancock	
William Cherington		Symon Hill	
Richard Allum		Henry Bennett	
Mathew Turnor		Henry Clayton	

Richard Alright
Joell Steevens
John Fruin
Peter Horne } assignati Affierers, et jurati.

The Jury appointed to give in their verdict on Wenesdaye before Ladie-daye next.

[p. 5.] Mundaye, the first daye of November, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Att Mr. Maior's house.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. John Page and Mr. Richard Winche's rentes for the Bishoppe's landes in Braye, due att Michaellmas last, are theise, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Mr. John Page for halfe a yere's rent of his parte of Stroudes	35	0	0
Mr. Richard Winch for halfe a yeare's rent of Easte's farme	35	0	0
And for halfe a yeare's rent of Little Stroude .	26	10	0
And in arreare towardes last Ladie-daye's rent .	10	0	0
In all, due	106	10	0

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	li.	s.	d.
Mr. John Page this daye brought in a bill for quartering of Soldiers, which came to .	16	02	06
And Mr. Richard Winch brought in another bill for quarteringe of Soldiers, which came to .	20	18	06
Which billes come to	37	01	00

Whereof they desired an abatement out of their Rentes; and thereupon itt was put to the question, whether they should be allowed towardes those bills 16*li.* or 12*li.*; and, after some debate had thereof, itt was agreed that they should be allowed and abated 16*li.*, viz[t].

Mr. Page . . . . 7*li.*
Mr. Winch . . . . 9*li.*

And the said 16*li.* being deducted out of the said 106*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.*, there remaines for the Tennantes to paye 90*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.*; which 90*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.* was presently paid to Mr. Thomas Cope, the Chamberlaine.

Wenesdaye, the 3[d] of November, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij[o] regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Holloway, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye the sixe Maidservantes were elected and chosen to have their proporcionable partes of the Archbishopp of Canterbury his guifte, viz[t].

1. Mary Palmer .
2. Elizabeth Collins .
3. Elizabeth Pinnell . } for the towne of Readinge.
4. Elizabeth Symons .
5. Elizabeth Brewer .
6. Elizabeth Jeffeson, for the towne of Wokingham.

* Marked as absent.

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And they were appointed to receave their moneyes of the Chamberlaine this daye senight.

Mr. Wylmer is appointed to write to Mr. Daniell Blagrave concerning Richard Saunders and the Habeas corpus brought by him.

[p. 6.] Wenesdaye, the 10th of November, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daye Elizabeth Jeffeson, the maidservant for the towne of Wokingham, was further approved of by a new certificate, and her eleccion to have parte of the Bishoppe's money confirmed.

This day was brought in a warrant (under the handes of Daniell Blagrave, Willyam Trumball, and Willyam Hide, Commissioners,) for the summoninge and warninge sixe able and substantiall men of this Borough to appeare at the signe of The George, in Readinge, on Fridaie, the third of December next, then and there to receave direccions from them for the assessinge of the monethly summe of thirtie sixe poundes, nine shillinges and fower pence, for 3 monethes, from the xxv^th^ of March last, &c., which warrant, being brought in by Mr. Mayor, was read and putt upon the file of this yeare.

Wokingham. Alsoe Mr. John Sampson, Alderman of Wokingham, did promise that in case Frances Butler should be a suiter for parte of the Bishoppe's money the next time itt was to be given to Maidservantes, that then shee should be presented before any other. Jane Smith, servant to Mr. Grape, not capable, for some misdemeanor by her done.

Tuesdaie, the 23th of November, anno Domini 1647, annoque 23° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wool-

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dridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Mr. Thomas Cope, Mr. Nathaniell Chandler, Mr. Robert James.

Agreed that a speedie course be taken for the recovery of 200*li.*, parte of Mr. John Kendricke's money, which James Winch oweth upon bond; which bond was forthwith delivered to Mr. Peter Burningham, to carrye the same to Mr. Walter Knight for the purpose aforesaid.

[p. 7.] Mundaye, the xxixth daye of November, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^{o} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Halloway, justices; Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Nathaniell Chandler, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott.

This daye (consideracion being had of some speedie course to be taken for the settinge to worke of poore people within this Boroughe,) it is agreed that if Mr. Whitlock pay his arreares, that then a stock shalbe provided out of the same for Henry Tubb for the purpose aforesaid; and Henry Tubb is appointed to attend on Wenesdaye senight about the said businesse.

Agreed that Henry Knap shalbe sent for to attend the Company on Wenesdaye next about his rent.

Agreed that Chamberlen Cope and the Constables shall sell, to the best advantage, the Ayringe boarded house in the Conduitt close, and Mr. Cope to receave the money.

Edward Willmer is appointed to write to Mr. Walter Knight to bringe downe the execucion with him from London against Benwell's goodes.

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Fridaye, the third daye of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xx[i]ij^{do} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This day 6 men were chosen to assesse the monthly taxe within this Borough according to a former warrant from the Committees, vizt.

Mr. Peter Burningham .	for St. Lawrence parish.
Mr. Henry Fruin . .	
Mr. William Wilder .	for St. Marie's parish.
Richard Alright . .	
Mr. Peter Thorne . .	for St. Giles' parish.
Samuell Jemmott . .	

This daye Willyam Beisley was sent for, and desired to remove the Oatemeale sellers on the Markett-daies from his doore, whoe aunswered that he would not remove them, but would keepe them as longe as he could.

Edward Wylmer is appointed to deliver Jonathan Greenwaye a coppie of that order in the booke, which concernes Willyam Smith and Michaell Readinge.

John Cole was this daie chosen to have one of Mr. Willyam Kendricke's Almes-houses nowe voide by the deceasse of old Charles Crouther.

[p. 8.] Wenesdaye, the viijth daye of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^{o} regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This day it was ordered that the Oatemeale Markett shalbe removed to the Walke, for that the place where it is now kept

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is very unconvenient; and if any persone shall refuse to sell their Oatemeale at .... Walke, or bring itt back againe into the Markett-place to sell, then he, shee or they soe doeing shalbe committed to the Counter for their contempt.

This day Edward Poole promised to pay the xxv*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte (which Nathaniell Chandler formerly had,) a fortnight hence.

John Baker, clothier, desired a lease of the plott of grounde (called the Sanctuary), but was referr'd till another time.

This day alsoe Willyam Stroude, sonne of William Stroud, carpenter, late deceassed, was conceived very fitt to have x*li.* of the Archbishopp's guifte, to place him apprentice with John Hancock, carpenter.

Edmund Wylder, being demanded his rent alreadie due, desired an abatement of 3*li.* he paid for contribution, which was referred to further consideracion.

Ordered that Henry Tubb and William Woodes shall pay in to the Hall the 5*li.* they received for the House of Correccion at the last Quarter Sessions for the Countie of Berks.

Henry Tubb desired that he might have 50*li.* one yere for a stock to sett poore people on worke, and his brother should be bound with him for the same; and he desired further that the Hall might provide the workinge tooles.

Fridaye, the tenth daye of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler.

Agreed that a weekely Taxe of x weekes' pay, accordinge to the severall Colleccion-bookes, shalbe forthwith made and gathered within this Borough, for the payment of the Troopers now quartered upon this Borough.

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Alsoe agreed that one Constable and one Warden shall collect the said Taxe in each Parish.

[p. 9.] Wenesdaye, the 15th day of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Mr. Mayor, Mr. William Brackston and Mr. Daniell Blagrave shall goe to his Excellencie, Sir Thomas Fairfax, to see whether the number of the Troopers now quartered upon the Towne can be lessened, or taken off[3].

Satterday, the 25th of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Halloway, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

This daye Mr. Gilbert, the present Minister of St. Lawrence Church, making clayme to the xxv*li.* of the Archbishoppe's guifte, which was due att Ladie-day last, which was 5 months before he came thither, was (after much debate thereof and the perusall of the Bishoppe's deeds) aunswered by Mr. Maior and the Aldermen, and Mr. Starkey, that he had noe right to any parte thereof.

Afterwardes, it being made knowne that there was 18*li.* or thereaboutes of the Bishoppe's money in Chamberlaine Cope's handes, itt was put to the question what should be done with itt; whereupon itt was resolved that x*li.* thereof should goe towardes the bindinge of two poore youthes apprentices; and that Mr. Fowler

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shall have the residue for his paines, taken in the Parish at such time as noe Minister was there residinge.

Alsoe agreed that Quarterdaye shalbe on Mundaye next.

[p. 10.] Quarter-daye, Mundaye, the 27th of December, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Holloway, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Stevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

This daye Mr. Blagrave moved the Company about Mr. Whitlocke's businesse, but nothinge was resolved thereupon.

Alsoe this daye John White desired that his sonne, Thomas White, mought be bound apprentice with parte of the Bishoppe's money; promised to be taken into consideration, with others, next Michaellmas.

Margaret Lowgrove, widowe, in like manner for her sonne.

Walter Benham likewise for his grandchild, George Baker.

Alsoe this daye ordered and agreed (upon the petition of John Wilder, which is upon the file,) that Samuell Watlington shall have a new lease of the tenemente in Fisher Rewe at xxx*s.* per annum for xxj^tie^ yeres; he bringing in and surrendringe his old lease thereof at ij*li.* x*s.* per annum; which xl*s.* soe abated John Wilder is to have, in allowance of some demandes from the Company and Mr. Thomas Thackham.

Willyam Markham promised to bring in his xxv*s.* to-morrowe.

Richard Hunt, Willyam Witton, John Elkins and George Hussey were voted and appointed to have xxv*li.* a-peice of Sir Thomas White's gifte, upon securitie.

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Willyam Markham, John Thorne, John Kent and Joseph Cope were voted and appointed to have xxv*li.* a-peice of Mr. Ironside's guift, upon securitie.

Walter Fellowe appointed to be warned to the Hall to renew his securitie for the 80*li.*

Mr. Burningham and Mr. Brackston are appointed to goe to the Ladie Mainwaringe and Henry Rogers about their Charter, which they have in their custodie.

Ordered and agreed that Joseph Stockwell, attorney, shall be indicted at the next Quarter Sessions for a common Barrister.

Robert Bent being in question this daye to have xxv*li.* of Mr. Ironside's guifte, Mr. George Wooldridg in his behalfe answered for him, that unlesse he mought be admitted a Freeman, payeing only 6*s.* x*d.*, he would not have any of the money.

The Widow Burton's sonne and Abraham Cribb, the Widowe Yorke's sonne, were conceived very fitt to have a parte of the Bishoppe's guift to place them apprentices.

Agreed that Mr. Knight shall send out proces for all those that have not paid their monyes.

[p. 11.] Mundaye, the 3d daye of January, 1647, 23o regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Holloway, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Mr. Thomas Thackham this day moved that he mought be paid the charges that he expended in the Widowē Aires' suite against him; whereupon he was appointed to bringe in a bill of his charges and then promised to have the said charges paid him, soe soone conveniently itt may, by the Chamberlaine.

3 January, 1647.

Then it was ordered betweene Mr. Bulstrode Whitlock and the Mayor and Company, as followeth, vizt. that the surviving Feoffees

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of Mr. Whitlock's land (in consideration of one thousand, seaven hundred and fiftie poundes, to be paid to them the said Mayor and Company,) shall regrante the said landes back to such persons as he shall appointe the next terme, (Mr. Whitlock providinge the assurances att his charges, and 1000*li.* of the money to be paid att th'enseallinge, and the rest of the money upon a monethe's warninge, and in the meane time to give securitie ;) all arreares being allowed to Mr. Whitlock in this agreament.

Wenesdaie, the 26th day of January, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Chamberlaine Cope shall paye to Mr. Peter Burningham xl*s.*, to be given to Henry Rogers for a reward for findinge out the Charter.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Burningham shall have his charges borne in his journey to Bradfeild to the said Henry Rogers.

Alsoe Mr. Burningham is appointed to goe to London about Mr. Stronghill and Sir Humfrey Forster's businesse.

8° die Februarii, 1647.

Memorandum, then delivered to Mr. George Wooldridg the warrant concerninge the Taxe for the releife of the Brittish Army in Ireland. per J. H.

Then alsoe Robert Evans, in the presence of Mr. Mayor and my Master, did promise to paye 5*li.* a moneth hence, which Daniell Weare had with an apprentice. per J. H.

[p. 12.] Wenesdaie, the 9th of February, 1647.

Memorandum, then Mr. Mayor acknowledged to have received of Richard Birch (in parte of payment of William Bedforde's debt of 50*li.*) the summe of 25*li.*, and Mr. Cope acknowledged to have recieved formerly of Mr. Richard Hollowaye 9*li.*, in further parte, and this daie Thomas Winkles paid to the said Mr. Cope the summe

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of 16*li.* in full of the said debt, and alsoe x*s.* towardes the charges of the writt and warrant. per K. W.

Tuesdaie, the fifteenth daye of February, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

Itt being enformed that the Assizes for the Countie of Berkes wilbe holden att Reading the xxvth daie of February instant, it is nowe ordered and agreed that Mr. Thomas Cope, the Chamberlaine, shall provide for the entertainement of Judges, as followeth, vizt.

Three barrells of Beere.
One gallon of Sack.
One gallon of Clarett.
One Sugar loafe.
Two quarters of Oates.

Their lodging appointed to be at Mr. Thomas Thackham's house.

Agreed that Mr. Samuell Jemmott shall have and holde the Barne at the upper end of Sivyer Streete, late in the occupation of Mr. Wilde, for one wholle yere, from Midsummer next, he payeing as much rent as another (bona fide) will give for the same.

This daie alsoe Mr. Mayor acquainted the Company present with Mr. Daniell Blagrave's letter concerning Mr. Whitlocke's payeing of the money, and that he had returned an aunswer by Mr. Cope, whome he appointed to receive the same if he could, which the Company did approve off.

Alsoe this daie the Collectors of the Irish money in St. Mary and St. Giles' parish were present and Mr. Crome, the agent, &c.; and the Collectors tendred such money as they had collected, and noe man would receive itt, but it was referr'd to the Committee

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of the Countie of Berkes, whoe were desired to meete either this afternoone or to-morrow morninge about the same.

Ordered that the Judges' Stewardes henceforwardes shall have noe more fees from the Corporation, for that the Corporation is soe poore that they are not able to paye any.

16 February, 1647.

Then it was agreed that the Clarke of the Assizes shall lodge at Mr. Blower's; Mr. Ceely, the Clarke of *Nisi Prius*, shall lodge at Richard Ceely's, and Mr. Babington, the Clarke of the Arraignementes, shall lodge at Mr. Richard Saunders'.

27 February.

The Quarterdaye, by reason of the Assizes on Friday next, is putt off till this day fortnight, being the sixth daye of Marche next.

[p. 13.] Wenesdaie, the first daie of March, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

This daie Capt. Thomas Creamer and Nathaniell Momford did severally depose that John Attkins, th'elder, did (in his house in St. Giles' parish in Reading) sweare tenn oathes the last night.

This daie the Collectors for the arreares of the Taxe for the releife of the Brittish Army in Ireland were appointed for each Parish, vizt.

Mr. Thomas Curtis Mr. Richard Saunders	for St. Lawrence parish.
Robert Staples Thomas Kinge	for St. Marie's parish.
Richard Stampe Phillip Hill	for St. Giles' parish.

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At this daie eighteene men were nominated, whose names are to be returned to the Commissioners, that out of them nine maye be chosen to assesse the monethly some of Fortie-two poundes, one shillinge and sixe pence, now charged upon this Borough from the xxvth of December last past, for the maintenance of Forces under Sir Thomas Fairfax, according to a warrant from William Barker and Daniell Blagrave, esquires, Commissioners, which warrant is upon the file of this yeare.

The Names of the men, vizt.

Mr. John Webb Mr. Richard Holloway	Aldermen	for St. Lawrence parish.
Thomas Pinnock Thomas Goade	Overseeres	
Edward Stroude Richard Seelye	Commoners	
Mr. Willyam Brackston Mr. Willyam Wylder	Aldermen	for St. Marie's parish.
John Chandler Richard Underwood	Overseeres	
James Winch, jun. George Thorne	Commoners	
Mr. James Arnold Mr. Peter Thorne	Aldermen	for St. Giles' parish.
Roger Steevens John Bartlett	Overseers	
John Baker Hugh Smith	Commoners	

Memorandum, the Returne was accordingly made.

[p. 14.] Quarterday, Mundaie, the vjth of March, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij^{o} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaye, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge,

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Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott *, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle *.

Elizabeth Kenton, widowe, this daie desired an abatement of some parte of the arreares of her rent, whereupon itt was agreed that shee shall pay but vi*li.* in full of the said arreares, soe as shee pay the same before Ladie-day next.

Willyam Stanton is appointed to attend himselfe about his house. Henry Benwell is appointed to attend when he shalbe sent for.

This daie Willyam Goodale, Richard Clack, and other shoomakers of the Towne, complayned that George Harbert, a forreynor, used the trade of a shoomaker within the Borough, to their prejudice; upon which complaint the said George Harbert was sent for and prohibited to use the said trade within this Towne.

Mr. Fowler this daie demanded the money due unto him for Morning Prayer, which money was demanded of Mrs. Jenninges; and itt is agreed that if shee doe not sodenly take some course to satisfie the same, proces shalbe taken out against her.

George Baker was a suiter for x*li.* of the Bishoppe's money to place him apprentice.

Benjamen Staire desired Mr. Mayor to allow somethinge towardes his apparrelling and placing apprentice to Lloyde, the glover; referred to Mr. Belchamber and the Overseeres for their approbation.

Widowe Tatsall desired some releife for herselfe and her sonne; agreed that the Chamberlaine shall pay her x*s.* and her sonne shalbe taken into consideration when the Bishoppe's money comes.

Agreed that John Wylder's lease shalbe sealed at Ladie-day next.

Agreed that the Serjeantes shall have new cloakes when the Chamberlaine is in purse.

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Agreed that John Cleere shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money for 3 yeares (gratis), giving securitie Mr. Richard Alright and Mr. Richard Birch.

Robert Skeate and Chidock Palmer were suitors for one of the 25*li.* or 50*li.*, when itt happens.

Delivered to Mr. Thomas Cope, Chamberlen, (before Mr. Mayor and the rest of the Company present,) the 18*li.* and purse, which Henry Benwell left with me.

per Edwardum Wylmer.

[p. 15.] Wenesdaie, the fifteenth day of March, anno Domini 1647, annoque xxiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Edward Wylmer, th'elder, an Attorney in this Court, resigned his place of Attorney in this Court.

Alsoe Mr. John Cornwall, lately elected, did this daie take his oath to execute the office of an Attorney in this Court, in the roome of the said Edward Wylmer.

This daie Mr. Peter Burningham desired the good behaviour of John Wylder, jun., but respited till Fridaie next, and in the meane time articles to be provided.

Mrs. Jenninges is appointed to attend againe on Wenesdaie next.

Agreed that the Widowe Pearse in Frier Streete shall have the Almes-house now voide by the deceasse of Widowe Barnes.

Alsoe agreed that John Hatt shall holde the Barne att the upper end of Syvier Streete for one wholle yeare from Midsummer next, payeing therefore the rent of fower poundes, vizt. xl*s.* at Christmas and xl*s.* att Midsummer.

Tuesdaie, the 28th daie of March, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldrige, Mr.

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James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward; Willyam Milles, Richard James, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

At this daie the examination of the 3 poore Maidservantes to cast lottes for the xx nobles upon Good Fridaie next was in this manner, in each parish one, according to the will of the donor, vizt.

1. Anne Hodges, servant to Mr. John Webb, at Ladie daie last, 7 yeares, for St. Lawrence parish.

2. Margarett Coxe, servant to Mr. Reignold Brookes x yeares and a halfe, for St. Marie's parish.

3. Bridgett Smith, servant to Thomas Crosse x yeares, for St. Giles' parish.

This daie alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. George Wooldridge, in full of his fee (when he was Mayor), shall have x*li.* more to make upp the xxx*li.* which he formerly recieved 40*li.*, equall with Mr. Holloway.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham shall have xl*li.* for the yeare that he was Mayor, aunswerable to Mr. Holloway and Mr. Wooldridge, but to be paid him by degrees as the Hall shalbe enhabled, (all former engagementes by the Hall being first respected.)

[p. 16.] Good Friday, the xxxj^th daie of March, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^o regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hallowaie *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward; Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *,

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John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

The names of the 3 poore Maidservantes which are elected to cast the lottes this daie for the xx nobles, vizt.

		li.	s.	d.
1. For St. Lawrence parish,	Anne Hodges—9.			
2. For St. Marie's parish,	Margarett Coxe—11—won the lott . .	6	13	4
3. For St. Giles' parish,	Bridget Smith—6.			

Memorandum, this is the seventh yere if any from Southcott were capable, but none came.

This daie Tobie Martin's daughter brought x*li.* in a new lether purse according to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and it was by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes paid and distributed as the Will directeth, vizt.

	li.	s.	d.
To the said Margarett Cope, who did this daie win the lott	6	13	4
To the Preacher this daye . . .	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church to give to 60 poore women 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Mary Church to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Church to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	0
To the Junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence Church	0	03	4
To the Clerke and Sexton there . .	0	06	8
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
	10	00	00

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Willyam Brackston's guifte was this daie distributed as his Will directes, vizt.

To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parish .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	1	0	0
To xx poore men, vizt. 7 in St. Marie's parish, 7 in St. Lawrence parish, and 6 in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice . . .	1	0	0
	4	0	0

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Alsoe xx*s.* of John Eyres' guifte was this daye distributed to xx pore housholders, vizt.,

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 7 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	0	7	0
To 6 in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	6	0
To 7 in St. Giles' parish . . .	0	7	0
	1	0	0

Henry Knapp now oweing 112*li.* rent, itt was put to the question what he should be abated thereof; resolved that he should be abated xx*li.* which he would not accept. And then Mr. Mayor moved the Company that they would abate him the 4th part of his arreares, vizt. 28*li.*, but he departed and soe not resolved upon.

[p. 17.] Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. William Legge's guifte was this daie distributed as his Will directeth, vizt.

To xxiiij poore Housholders 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*		*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
To 8 in St. Lawrence parish .	1	6	8	in all	4	0	0
To 8 in St. Marie's parish .	1	6	8				
To 8 in St. Giles' parish .	1	6	8				

Alsoe 3*li.* of Widowe Worslye's guifte was this daie distributed as her Will directeth, vizt.

To 60 poore Widowes xij*d.* a-peice, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*		*li.*	*s.*	*d.*
To xxv in St. Giles' parish .	1	5	0	in all	3	00	0
To xxv in St. Lawrence parish .	1	5	0				
To x in St. Marie's parish .	0	10	0				

Wenesdaie, the xij^th daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^o regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Agreed that one of the Chamberlaines, with the Serjeantes, shall attend in the Towne Hall on Satterdaie next to receave Benwell's rent.

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Wenesdaie, the xixth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1648, annoque 24° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward ; Thomas Cope.

Mr. Mayor and Mr. Willyam Wylder are appointed to goe and view the landes of Mr. Vachell, called Motelandes, in Burghfeild, and to view Mr. Sandes' landes in Braye, to th'end that Mr. Kendricke's money may be laid out.

Agreed that Edward Wylmer shall make a lease to Thomas Cope of Grinner Hill farme and landes now in the occupation of Henry Benwell.

This daie Willyam Burley, of St. Lawrence parish, was chosen to have one of Sir Thomas Vachell's almeshouses in the roome of old Hollis, late deceassed.

Thomas Goade, Thomas Pinnock and Willyam Dee, late Overseeres for the poore of St. Lawrence parishe, did bring in their accomptes for the yeare they were Overseeres, which was allowed of.

Henry Tubb and William Woodes, keepers of the House of Correccion, made it knowne that they receaved at Easter Sessions last xv*li.* and v*li.*, before ; whereupon itt was agreed that they should pay over 15*li.* to Mr. Cope, the Chamberlaine, for and towardes his charges in repairing the said House ; and th'other 5*li.* they should deteyne in their owne handes as parte of their arreares of wages. And the said Henry Tubb and Willyam Woodes are appointed to bring in the petition and the coppie of th'order at the Sessions ; and Mr. Wylmer is to take a coppie thereof.

[p. 18.] This daie a Peticion now read by Mr. Steward for the removinge and preventinge of Forreynors within this Borough and for the establishinge of the Orders and Ordinances of this Borough was approooved of by the Company present.

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Mundaye, the viijth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior*. Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Samuell Jemmott.

This daie Edward Wylmer delivered to Thomas Cope, Chamberlaine, John Newberry's bonds of x*li.* for the payment of 3*li.*

Alsoe delivered unto him Mr. George Thorne's bonde for the payment of x*li.*

Agreed that Jerome Sherfeild shall have a lease of Tue's house at 36*s.* per annum from Ladie-day last for xxj yeares, (he procuring John Hancock for securitie of his rent).

Agreed that Mr. Belchamber, Chamberlaine, shall paye to Mr. Willyam Knight, one of the Overseers for the Poore of St. Lawrence parishe, x*s.* towardes the present releife of Richard Inge his wife and children.

Thomas Cope, Samuell Jemmott and Edward Wylmer are appointed to heare the accomptes of Robert Westmerland this daie senight, at night.

Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Webb, Thomas Cope, and Samuell Jemmott are to consider of Robert Westmerlande's bill for fire for the Courtes of Guard.

Phillip Smith and Richard Barfoote this daie referred the difference betweene them to be concluded by two indifferent men, and in case they cannott determine the same then Mr. Mayor is to heare and end the said differences.

Henry Benwell is appointed to attend againe this daie 3 weekes.

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Thirsdaie, the xxiijth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaie, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Whereas Nicholas Lanfeare hath performed divers journeyes about the Corporacion busines, it is agreed that Mr. Cope, Chamberlayne, shall paye unto Nicholas Lanfeare, in recompence of his paines, xxvj*s.* viij*d.*

This daie it is ordered and agreed that such monies as alreadie have or hereafter shalbe expended by the Constables for fire, for the Courtes of Guards, shalbe paid them againe by the Corporacion.

[p. 19.] Quarter-daie, Friday, the xxvjth of Maye, 1648, annoque 24° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaie, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward; Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

Agreed that John Stoinford shalbe sent for about his rent

This daie Thomas Wickes, John Symons, Edward Spier and Aaron Willis were approved of, to be capable of the guifte of John Eyre, late deceassed; whereupon itt was ordered and agreed that

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they (payeing the accustomed fees and bringing in their indentures of apprenticehood) should be admitted freemen, etc.; and that Mr. Belchamber and Mr. Wylmer should deliver unto them the money received for two yeares' rent for that use.

Ordered and agreed that John Barker, clothier, and William Walker shall have xijd. a-peice per weeke, of Mr. Deane's guifte, for their necessary releife and maintenance.

Thomas Baker and Edward Shipwaye's wife promised to pay their rent arreare for the Ortes before St. James' tide next.

Edward Wylmer, Towne Clerke, was this daie sworne not to reveale any thinge consulted on by the Company during the time he continues their servant, unlesse it be to some one of the Company.

This daie itt was put to the question whether Sir Humfrey Forster, Mr. Vachell, or Willyam Parr's land, should be purchased; resolved that Mr. Richard Holloway, Robert James and Samuell Jemmott shall treate with Mr. Vachell concerninge Moatelandes in Burghfeilde for 550*li.* or 650*li.*, soe as Mr. Vachell pay all the arreares of rent due to the Towne for Pottman Brooke groundes; and alsoe that Mr. John Webb, Robert James and Richard Castle shall goe and view Willyam Parr's land on Tuesdaie next.

Agreed that the Serjeantes shall have new cloakes.

Fridaie, the second daie of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij[to] regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Att Mr. Maior's House.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Henry Benwell desired that the suite against him mought be staied, and promised at Michaellmas next to give upp his lease of Grimer Hill house and landes, with th' appurtenances, and to yeild uppe the possession thereof. And thereupon the said Henry Benwell and Thomas Cotsoll, th'elder, subscribed a warrant of attorney to Mr. John Cornwall and Mr. Hogesflesh to suffer a jud[gment][4] by default for prevention of further charges upon a tryall at . . . .[4]

[4] MS. torn here.

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[p. 20.] Mr. Walter Knight was appointed to prosecute the bond for xxv*li.* against Mr. Kendrick.

Mundaie, the fifth of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward; Thomas Cope, John Chandler, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

This daie Mr. John Webb, Robert James and Richard Castle made knowne to the Company that they had viewed Willyam Parr's land, in performance of the order on Fridaie last past, and they brought with them a letter from John Parr, sonne of the said Willyam Parr, concerninge the price of the land and a particuler thereof; whereupon itt was put to the question whether 1350*li.* or 1400*li.* should be given for the same. Resolved that 1400*li.* should be given for the wholle purchase rather then to goe without it, soe as the title be clere.

Alsoe itt was putt to the question whether the Peticion formerly made to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled (concerning those that are capable to vote in the eleccion of a Burgesse for this Boroughe) shalbe further prosecuted or whether the eleccion shall goe forward. Resolved that if Mr. Vachell cannott procure an aunswer to the Petition att or before this daie senight, then the election shalbe this daie fortnight.

Agreed that the suite against Mr. Thomas Kendrick for the xxv*li.* shalbe respited, soe as this terme the said Mr. Kendrick acknowledg a judgment, the execution to be taken out next Michaellmas terme.

Agreed that the businesse concerninge the tolle of the Markett shalbe questioned att the next meetinge.

This daie alsoe itt was put to the question whether a new Serjeant should be chosen; resolved that there was need of another

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Serjeant, and a new Serjeant should be chosen. Whereupon it was againe put to the question whether Henry Aires or John Bartlet, sen., should be chosen into the said office; resolved that the said John Bartlett should; whoe, beinge presently called in, did take his corporall oath to execute the said office accordingly.

And then alsoe itt was ordered and agreed that the said John Bartlett, Serjeant, shall have a newe gowne and cloake when the other Serjeantes have their cloakes.

[p. 21.] Henry Benwell's accompt thus stated.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Itt appeares upon the accompt that there is due to the Company	106	10	00
Allowed unto him by way of deduction for some moneyes paid for rent and contributions, and other monies for reparacions . .	053	00	00
Soe remaines unpaid	53	10	00

For which 53*li.* 10*s.* Henry Benwell hath promised to give securitie for payment thereof in some short time, soe as the Company will not seize upon his cropp.

Tuesdaie, the vj^th^ daie of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Att Mr. Maior's House.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Agreed that 1400*li.* shalbe given for the purchase of Willyam Parr's land and meadowe, to be paid soe soone as Willyam Parr and his sonne can make the assurances and clere the said land from all ingagementes, mortgages and incumbrances whatsoever.

Alsoe agreed that some parte of the said money shalbe left in the handes of the Company till the two acres called Little Medenham's be clered from all incumbrances and from Mr. Englefeilde's title.

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Wenesdaie, the xiiijth daie of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb.

Mr. Daniell Blagrave, Steward.

This daie John Johnson, clothier, was a suiter for one of the 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, or the 80*li.* which Walter Fellowe is to paie in att Michaellmas next; agreed that it shalbe further considered of att the next meetinge of the Company.

[p. 22.] Mundaie, in the afternoone, the nineteenth daie of June, anno Domini 1648.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Thackham*, Mr. William Brackston*, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnolde*, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave*, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles*, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens*, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

By vertue of a warrant from Willyam Standen, Esq., High Sheriffe of the Countie of Berkes, directed unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Readinge, for the electinge of a Burgesse of Parliament for the said Borough, in the place of Sir Francis Knollys, Knight, late deceassed; this daie the said Maior, Aldermen, Assistantes, and the other Burgesses and Inhabitantes of the said Towne, did proceed to the said Eleccion; where two, vizt. George Starkey, Esq., and Daniell Blagrave, Esq., were nominated, that one of them might be chosen to that purpose. The said Eleccion being put to the voices of the severall Burgesses and

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Inhabitantes of the said Borough, whose names of each side were taken into severall paper bookes, and two bookes delivered to Mr. Maior of the names of those which voted for either partie; which bookes being perused by the Company present, itt did thereby appeare that the said Daniell Blagrave had the greater number of voices. Whereupon itt was putt to the question whether the returne by indenture should be made and sealed with the Towne Seale, according to the greater number of votes given for either partie by the said bookes; resolved that itt should be made, sealed and returned accordingly by theise number of voices, vizt. IIIIIII [7], IIIIIIII [8]; and then Mr. Maior tooke uppe the said bookes and said he would keepe them, which the Company consented unto.

Memorandum, before the said Eleccion Mr. Daniell Blagrave did promise (in case he was elected) freely to relinquish his right and interest to any stipend to be allowed unto him by the said Towne, by vertue of the Statute in that behalfe, as Burgesse of Parliament for the said Borough.

Wenesdaie, the xxj^th daie of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Att Mr. Maior's House.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hallowaye, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Agreed that 120*li.* shalbe lent to William Parr upon good securitie, for a fortnight or three weekes, until the assurance of the land can be made good, &c.

[p. 23.] Wenesdaie, the 28th of June, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Richard Birch, Samuell Jemott.

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This daie John Norris was chosen to have xij^{d} a weeke, of Mr. Deane's guifte, in the stead of Melchizedeck Walker, late deceassed.

The sence of the Company is, not to propose Mr. Martine and Capt. Curtis' motion for the raisinge of monies for payment of their troope of Horse.

Wenesdaie, the fifteenth daie of August, anno Domini 1648, annoque 24to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Samuell Jemmott.

Henry Benwell is appointed to give in his aunswer the next Quarterdaye, whether or noe he will give xxxv*li.* rent per annum for the landes att Grimmer Hill, and pay the quitrentes yssueinge out of the said landes, and give securitie upon a new lease thereof, (out of which lease all coppices, woodes and trees are to be excepted.)

Agreed that, in case the said Henry Benwell shall vallow and carry out the saile upon the said landes, and not agree to take a new lease thereof, as aforesaid, then the said Henry Benwell shalbe paid for valloweing and carrieing out the said soyle as itt shalbe indifferently worth.

This daie Mr. John Cornwall, one of the Attornyes of this Court, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Coroner within the Borough of Readinge.

Alsoe this daie Samuell Jemmott, one of the Assistantes, was promised that he shall have the Barne, at the upper end of Sivyer Street, before any other, and cheaper then another, and to have notice what rent to paie for the said Barn the next quarterdaie, before John Hatte's lease is ended.

Agreed that the advice of Counsell shall be had concerninge the Tolle of the Markett and Forreynors. Mr. John Harrison to be one of the Councell.

Memorandum, Henry Tubb hath xx*li.* stock in his handes.

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Jane Skinner, widowe, is appointed to give securitie to discharge the Corporation of all dammages and escapes that shall happen during her keepinge the Prison, called the Counter. Her securitie is Robert Skeate and William Goodale.

Suitors for the Serjeante's place, now void by the deceasse of Thomas Skinner, vizt.

Thomas Booth	Henry Tubb
Richard Booth	Edward Stanton
Henry Aires	Richard Ewins.
Thomas Bagley	

But the choice was respited till another meetinge.

[p. 24.] Election-daie, Mundaie, the xxvij^th daie of August, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaie, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave*, Esq., Steward; Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

Att this daie the Mayor and Aldermen, by directions of their Charter, did name three of the Aldermen to sitt in election this daye (being the last Mundaie in August) in the Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those three Aldermen soe named by the Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present this daie, should be elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next comminge, as in and by their Charter is required, vizt.

1. Mr. Thomas Bateman IIIIIIIIII [10], IIIIIIII [8], elected.
2. Mr. Peter Thorne.
3. Mr. James Arnold.

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At this daie alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Willyam Milles IIIIIIIIIIIIII [13], for the Hall.

Richard Alright IIIIIIIIIIIIII [13], for Charitable uses.

Forasmuch as the Assizes for the Countie of Berkes are to be holden within this Borough this present weeke, itt is therefore agreed that Mr. Thomas Cope, the Chamberlaine, shall make the same provision for the entertainement of the Judges as was att the last Assizes.

This daie John Wylder (being present) was required to put in sureties for his good behaviour, which he refused, and said he would give none; but the Company gave him further time, vizt. till Thirsdaie next, to bringe in his sureties.

Wenesdaie, the vj^th of September, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that further consideration shalbe had concerninge the chaininge uppe the waie att John Fruin's corner, leadinge into Minster Streete, and the waie at Mr. Thackham's corner, for the preventinge of waggons and cartes comminge those waies by reason of their nuzance.

[p. 25.] Mundaie, the xj^th daie of September, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder.

This daie a list of the Alehouses and Tipling-houses within this Borough, which was brought in by the Aletasters, was read, and it was agreed that further consideration thereof should be had, and many that are unnecessary should be suppressed.

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The Company are contented to accept of 300*li.* bond to be given by William Parr, John Parr, Reignold Brooke and Walter Fellowe, for the perfecting the assurance of the Meadow grounde in Burghfeild, upon tender of the money formerly agreed within 2 yeares next, of which money 50*li.* is alreadie paid.

Nicholas Lanfeare did this daie promise to allowe unto the Widowe Skinner xij*d.* a weeke during her widowehood, the first payment thereof to begin on that weeke that she goeth from the Counter. And it is agreed that the Serjeantes shall likewise allow unto the said Widowe Skinner one third parte of such money, as they shall gather in their boxe att Christmas next. And itt is likewise agreed that towardes the payment of the said xij*d.* per weeke the said Nicholas Lanfeare after Christmas next shall yearely have 2 partes of the boxe att Christmas.

Quarter-daie, Munday, the xxvth daie of September, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaye, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward; Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

This daie Henry Walker promised to paie xlij*s.* for a white mare, seised as felons' goodes about this time twelve monethes.

This daie Mr. Willyam Creed desired to renew his father's lease of a tenemente in Gutter Lane, and was aunswered that, when the Chamberlaines had viewed the house, he should be aunswered further.

Agreed that Robert Skeates, th'elder, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money (for three yeares), which Mr. Peter Thorne and

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William Belchamber now have in their handes, and which they are appointed to paie within xiiij daies next comminge, the said Robert Skeates giving for securitie for repayment thereof, Thomas Clayton and Henry Clayton.

Edward Wylmer is appointed to speake with Mr. Walter Knight, to know what he hath done about William Stanton's rent.

Agreed that Chedock Palmer shall have xx*li.* or xxx*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money soe soone as any comes to hand.

Agreed that further consultation shalbe had concerninge the stoppinge uppe the waie att Mr. Thackham's corner.

[p. 26.] Thomas Kinge is appointed to give in his aunswer on Thirsdaie next, whether hee will give the same rent for the Tolle of the Markett that he gave the last yeare.

The youthes that are to be chosen to be bounde Apprentices with the Bishoppe's money this yeare are to give their attendance att the Townehall on Fridaie next come senight.

Ordered that Mr. Richard Castle shalbe sent for to come to the Hall to know the reason whie he doth not attend the Company att all meetinges.

Upon the petition of John Lesson, itt is agreed that Mr. Belchamber shall paie him x*s.* towardes his releife.

Agreed that John Butler, jun., Thomas Hawthorne and James Deane shall each of them have xx^tie^ nobles of the lottery money for 5 yeares, upon good securitie.

Peter Clerke is appointed to continue in James Winche's worke as formerly he hath done.

Thomas Philpe and Thomas Wheeler are appointed to have 50*li.* a-peice of Mr. Kendricke's money.

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mayor elect for the followeinge yeare, shall have the same allowance as Mr. John Harrison hath, vizt. the Tolle of the Markett the next yeare, for his fee.

Mundaie, the second daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Harrison, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, *elect;* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Richard Hollowaie, justices; Mr.

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Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, John Chandler *, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

This daie Mr. Thomas Bateman the now elected Mayor, by the direccions of the Charter, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes abovenamed, did take his corporall oathes, vizt.

1. The oath of Supremacie.

2. The oath of Mayor and Justice of Peace and Quorum of and in this Borough and the Liberties thereof.

3. The oath to doe the Office of the Clerke of the Markett within this Borough during the time of his Mayoraltie there.

[p. 27.] And then alsoe Mr. John Harrison, the precedent Maior, did take his oath to doe the office of Justice of Peace within the said Borough duringe one wholle yeare next comminge.

And then alsoe Willyam Milles and Richard Alright (being formerly chosen Chamberlaines,) did take their oathes to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for this yeare, vizt.

Peter Horne John Kent Willyam Castle	Constables, jurati.
James Hunt Henry Head Humfrey Milles, jun.	gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
Willyam Cleere Thomas Pinnock	gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.

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John Aires } gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.
Willyam Champe

Willyam Samples, jun. } gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.
Thomas Hulbert

Richard Booth, jun. } gardiani London Warde, jurati.
Thomas Cooper

Agreed that Willyam Costen shall have one of John Alarder's almes-houses, in the roome of old Undersolle, lately deceassed.

Resolved upon the question, that Mr. Loynes shall paye all his arreares of rent forthwith.

Agreed that if Benwell bringe not securitie for the rent of Grimer Hill, then after a while itt shalbe lett to another.

Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb.

Agreed that Mr. Maior shall give enterteynement to the Visitors att his house, and for the same shall have the sixeteene poundes allowed for that purpose.

Fridaie, the vj^th^ daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

At this daye x poore Boyes borne within this Borough were nominated and chosen to have their proporcionable partes of the Lord Archbishoppe's guifte, to binde them Apprentices within this Borough, vizt.

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1. Willyam Stroude	6. James Bonham
2. John Lesson	7. John Sargood
3. Mathew Bates	8. Benjamen Staire
4. Henry Mappleton	9. Samuell Steevens
5. Willyam Smith	10. Edward Breamer.

[p. 28.] Fridaie, the 7th daie of October, 1648, annoque xxiiij^to regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward.

Whereas the late Lord Arch-bishopp of Canterbury by his conveyance to Charitable uses (made in trust to the Corporacion of the Towne of Readinge,) did appointe the Vice-Chancellor of the Universitie of Oxon, the President of St. John Baptist Colledg there, and the Warden of All Soules Colledg in the said Universitie, for the tyme beinge, for Visitors of such workes of Charitye as are mencioned in the said conveyance, the said Visitacion to bee triennallye upon the Seventh daye of October att the Guildhall of the said Borough; in performance of which appointment, this present daie being the Seventh daie of October, and the third yeare after the deceasse of the said Arch-bishopp, the said Visitacion att the said Guyldhall was held by

Mr. Edward Reynolds, Vicechancellor of the Universitie of Oxford.

Doctor John Palmer, Warden of All Soules colledg } in the said
Mr. Francis Chynell, President of St. John's colledg } Universitie.

Att which Visitacion complaint was made by the said Mayor and Aldermen that the proporcion of Tenn poundes given with every Boye that hath the benefitt of the said guifte, to binde them Apprentices, is found to be a great inconvenience and prejudice

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to the said Towne, and they conceive that itt will be more beneficiall to place xx^tie^ Boyes with the said money, being the proporcion of 5*li.* a-peice with every Boye.

For the remedieing of which inconvenience, itt is referred by the said Visitors to the Corporacion to make presentacion thereof unto them, that further order may be therein taken.

All the other orders concluded and agreed on by the said Visitors att the said Visitacion, and registred and entred in the great Booke of Accomptes of the yearely distribucion of such moneyes as are receaved by meanes of the said guifte, as thereby appeareth.

[p. 29.] Wenesdaie, the xviij^th^ daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Thomas Cope, the Chamberlen, is appointed to attend Mr. Maior, to Mr. John Harrison's house, and give the said Mr. Harrison and his Clerke satisfaccion for making the conveyances betwene the Corporacion and Willyam Parr and his sonne, concerninge the landes att Burghfeild.

Alsoe the said Mr. Cope is appointed to defray other charges of assurance concerninge the said landes.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall forthwith take out proces against Willyam Stanton for the rent of his house arreare.

Agreed that Willyam Curtis shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money upon his owne, Mr. Thomas Curtis, and James Maynarde's bond, for repayment thereof within one moneth next after demand.

Henry Benwell this daie appeared before the Company and his Accompt was thus stated, vizt.

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	li.	s.	d.
Imprimis, due from the said Henry Benwell for halfe a yeare's rent of Grimmer Hill farme at Ladie-daie last	20	00	00
Item, due from him for wood . . .	08	10	00
Item, for halfe a yere's rent due att Michaellmas last	25	00	00
	53	10	00
Whereof the said Henry Benwell this present daie paid	05	00	00
Soe there remaines unpaid	48	10	00

Whereupon itt is agreed that a man, or two, shall forthwith be sent over to Grimer Hill to take possession of the house and landes there, and to thresh out and sell the corne in the barnes, to paye the said 48*li.* 10*s.* 00*d.* and other charges, (alwaies provyded that Henry Benwell shall make use of some of the barne and house-roome till Ladie-day next, as the parties that shall be sent thither shall thinke good to spare).

This daie there was delivered to Nicholas Lanfeare, the eldest Serjeant, a new quittrent booke.

Mr. John Harrison, the last Mayor, is appointed to take care that the Fee-farme rent of this Towne, being xxij*li.*, be satisfied att the next Auditt. And the said Mr. John Harrison acknowledged to have in his handes 5*li.* which he receaved of Daniell Weare, being parte of [*blank*] Johnson's guifte to place poore boyes Apprentices.

This daie Mrs. Jenninges paid xiiij*li.*, in full, for all arreares due for the landes att Mattingley untill Ladie-daie last; and Mr. Thomas Cope, Chamberlen, signed an acquittance to the same purpose.

Alsoe the said Mrs. Jenninges signed an acquittance to the Company, acknowledging the receipte of xx*s.*, in full, of all rentes due unto her at Michaellmas last past by the Company, for their garden, which they holde of her.

Memorandum, Mr. Clerke, tennant to the landes att Mattingley, is to paye the last Michaellmas rent, being 2*li.* 10*s.*

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[p. 30.] Fridaye, the xx^th^ daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present, att Mr. Maior's House.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peeter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Mr. Richard Winch and Mr. John Page, the tennantes to the landes in Braye; desired an abatement of their rentes in regard of their extraordinary quartering of Soldiers this yeare.

Agreed that, out of their wholle rent, x*li.* shalbe allowed them; out of which x*li.* Mr. Winch is to have his parte proporcionable accordinge to his rent.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Afterwardes Mr. Cope acknowledged to have recieved for the wholle yeare's rent due att Michaelmas last (the before mencioned x*li.* being abated,) the summe of . .	183	00	00

Thirsdaie, the 26th daie of October, anno Domini 1648, annoque 24° regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that John Smith, clothier, shall have x*li.* of Mr. Richard Winche's guifte 7 yeares longer, upon his former securitie.

Att this daie the Lawedaye for the Borough was holden.

Nomina Juratorum, vizt.

William Milles, primus, juratus.

John Miles, sen.	jurati.	Thomas Kinge	jurati.
Willyam Markham		Grigory Hersey	
Richard Hunt		Hugh Quick	
Roger Sherfeild		Moses Willis	
Thomas Murwin		George Cooper	
Valentine Skeate		Robert Staples	
Willyam Page		John Woodstock	
John Sturdie		John Kinge	

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. . .	Searchers and Overseeres for true making of Wollen Cloth, jurati, and bound in 40*li.* a-peice.
. . .	
. . .	
James Berry John Collins	Fleshtasters, jurati.
Thomas Hulbert Thomas Burton	Aletasters, jurati.
Mathew Turnor John Thorne	Fish-tasters, jurati.
Willyam Potter Barnard Jerome Phillip Browne	Heywardens, jurati.
John Jemmott Willyam Sturdie	Sealers of Leather, jurati.
Willyam Milles John Miles Richard Hunt Robert Staples	Assignati Affirers, et jurati.

The Jury are appointed to give in their verdict by the tenth daie of Marche next.

[p. 31.] Wenesdaie, the first daie of November, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. James Arnold.

This daie Peter Horne, clothier, paid in x*li.* of Mr. Richard Winche's money, and Mr. Thomas Cope, Chamberlaine, presently receaved the same.

Agreed that Ralph Bowles, jun., shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, he givinge securitie for repayment thereof within a moneth after demand, to witt, Adam Bowles of Hurst and [*blank*] Hughes of Maydenhead, and keepinge Robert Wheeler constantly in worke.

Nicholas Lanfeare is appointed to bring his sureties, vizt. Edward Stroud and William Jones, to be bound in 100*li.*, for the discharge of the Company against all escapes, &c.

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Wenesdaie, the viijth daie of November, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. John Harrison, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Robert Pigeon havinge served Roger Walker 7 yeares apprentice by indenture, which was prooved and mainteyned by the said Roger Walker, desired to be admitted a freeman of this Borough, which (upon his paieing the accustomed fee) was accordingly done.

This daie John Marshall, carpenter, desired xx^{tie} nobles of the Lottery money upon good securitie, but, upon information that he kept an alehouse, itt was not granted him.

This daie alsoe Thomas Powell, Thomas Parker and Willyam Wylder desired to take a lease att xlij*li.* rent per annum of the landes in Burghfeild, lately purchased of Willyam Parr; and the Company demanded 45*li.* per annum for the same, but itt was afterwardes agreed that they should have itt for 43*li.* per annum; but the said Thomas Powell, Thomas Parker and William Wylder went awaie and nothing was fully resolved on att that time.

Mundaie, the xxth of November, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Henry Tubb acknowledged to have in his custodie xx*li.* of the House of Correccion stock, and promised to paye the same per 50*s.* a quarter, beginninge the first payment att Christmas next.

Resolved upon the question that Breamer's sonne shall not be bounde apprentice to Nathaniell Jemmott, jun., by theis voices, IIIIIIII [7].

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[p. 32.] Agreed that John Parr shall have a lease of the landes lately purchased att Burghfeild, att xlv*li.* rent per annum, for 21 yeares from Michaellmas last, and under such condicions and covenantes as shall be reasonable, &c., and hee is appointed to bringe in for his securitie for payment of the rent Mr. Saunders, and to give in his aunswer by Wenesdaie or Satterdaie next, otherwise noe bargaine.

Wenesdaie, the 23th of November, 1648, annoque xxiiijto regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Resolved upon the question that (notwithstanding the former order) Nathaniell Jemmott, jun., shall have Breamer's boy to be his apprentice, Nathaniell Jemmott promiseth to give his apprentice att th'end of his time xxx*s.*

Henry Benwell this daie paid to Mr. Thomas Cope, Chamberlaine, vj*li.* and Mr. Peter Burningham acknowledged to have receaved of him ix*li.*, which with the said vj*li.* is in all 15*li.*, in parte of payment of his arreares of rent, stated the xviijth of October last; and the said Henry Benwell desired further time in the landes att Grimer Hill and was aunswered that upon good securitie he should have itt againe.

Katherine Underwood, widowe, is appointed to paie in x*li.* (which was lent to her late husband, John Underwood,) att Christmas next, which x*li.* is parte of Mr. Richard Winche's guifte.

Agreed that John Marshall, carpenter, shall have xxtie nobles of the Lottery money for 5 yeares upon good securitie.

Nicholas Middleton was this daie nominated and elected to have xij*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guifte by theise number of voices, vizt. IIIIII [6].

The Widowe Skinner's peticion was aunswered, as appeares upon the file of this yeare.

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Wenesdaie, the vjth daie of December, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that a Serjeant shalbe sent to Henry Knapp for his halfe yeare's rent due att Michaellmas last, to bring itt in against Wenesdaie next at furthest.

Agreed that Chedock Palmer shall have the xx*li.* formerly agreed on, bringing for his securitie Richard Underwood and Thomas Underwood.

Agreed that John Parr shall not have the landes att Burghfeild (because he cannot give securitie for the rent), and that the same landes shalbe lett to others.

John Marshall proffered for his securitie (for the xx^{tie} nobles of the Lottery money,) John Hancock and Edward Marshall, which the Company would not accept.

Memorandum, the Alehousekeepers to be warned in against Mundaie senight.

[p. 33.] Quarter-daie, Fridaie, the 22th of December, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin *.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler *, Robert James, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

* Marked as absent.

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Agreed that warning shalbe given to Willyam Belchamber, Chamberlen, to bringe in his accompt by next Thirsdaie.

Agreed that xx*s.* of Mr. Pococke's guifte shalbe delivered to Mr. Thomas Thackham to provide x shirtes and smockes for poore people and ij*s.* vj*d.* to be paid by the Chamberlen for the making of them; th'other xij*s.* for the poore of Yattendon is in the Chamberlen's handes. Memorandum, the xx*s.* was delivered to Mr. Thackham accordingly.

This daie John Kent and Willyam Castle, Constables, delivered in their accompt of what moneyes they had collected and paid for free quartering of Troopers lately in this Towne, which accompt was allowed of and filed.

This daie Robert Creed made knowne to the Company that the accompt of what monies he receaved and paid upon the taxe for the visited people, the last yeare when he was Constable, was in Mr. John Harrison's handes, together with the rest of the money which was not disposed of.

Agreed that Joseph Cleere shall have x*li.* of Richard Winche's guifte for 7 yeares (gratis) upon his owne and John Cleere, and Samuell Clere's securitie.

This daie Willyam Stanton paid his rent due att Ladie-daie last past being seaven poundes.

Agreed that 15*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's money shalbe equally distributed to the Overseeres of each Parish for the use of the poore.

Mr. Kemishe's guifte of 4*li.* was this daie distributed accordinge to the will of the donor, vizt. to xxiiij poore housholders, vizt.

To 8 in St. Lawrence parishe.
To 7 in St. Marie's parish.
To 9 in St. Giles' parish.

Alsoe Edward Hamblen's guifte of 4*li.*

Alsoe the x wascoates of Mr. William Iremonger's guifte.

Agreed that Willyam Parr shall have a lease of the landes att Burghfeild (lately purchased of him) att 43*li.* rent per annum, with reasonable covenantes to be inserted into the said lease, he bringing sufficient securitie for payment of the rent on Thirsdaie next.

Agreed that Mr. Cope, the Chamberlen, shall forthwith give notice to Richard Blackman, that if he will give v*li.* for a fine,

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he shall have his lease of a tenement in Rotten Rewe renewed for longer time att the old rent, &c.

[p. 34.] Agreed that Willyam Stanton shalbe warned to attend the Company on Wenesdaie next come senight.

Resolved upon the question that the 700 and odd poundes of Mr. Kendricke's money, nowe in the handes of Mr. Thomas Cope and others, shalbe brought in on Mundaie next come fortnight, and in the meanetime Mr. Cope is to take notice himselfe and to give notice unto the others of the same; to be lockt up in the chist.

Wenesdaie, the third daie of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, William Belchamber.

Mr. John Webb and Mr. Walter Knight are appointed to goe to Mr. Handes about Mr. Palmer's guifte.

Agreed that Thomas Booth, clothier, shall have x*li.* of Mr. Richard Winche's guifte for 7 yeres, soe as Joseph Stockwell and Thomas Baker wilbe bound for the same.

Edward Andrewes is appointed to paie in 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money next Candlemas.

Agreed that William Stanton and John Pattison shall paie in 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte and the charges in suite on Satterdaie next, or ells the Habeas Corpus shalbe delivered to the Sheriffe.

Alsoe William Stanton is appointed to give in his aunswer in some short time whether or noe he will [have] his house att 7*li.* rent per annum by lease.

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Mundaie, the eighth daie of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^to^ regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Mr. Simon Dee shall have 100*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money nowe paid in by William Knight; Mr. Dee is to give sufficient securitie for the same, to be paid upon a monethe's warninge, with interest, for soe long time as he holdes the same, after the rate of 5*li.* per centum.

Memorandum, Mr. John Harrison brought in C*li.* of the same money and promised to bring in another C*li.* a fortnight hence.

Edward Kent to have [*blank*]

William Knight to have [*blank*]

[p. 35.] Mundaie, the 15th daie of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xxiiij^to^.

Present,

Att Mr. Maior's house.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

In pursuance of the order of the Commissioners of the Great Seale, and in obedience unto the said order, the said Maior and Aldermen (this daie) did send for Jane Aires, widowe, and asked her what shee would demand for her debt and charges, and shee replyed 120*li.* and noe lower; and the said Maior and Aldermen said itt was unreasonable and thereupon would not end the same.

And afterwardes, vizt. 17° Jan. 1648, itt was agreed that a certificate shalbe made to the said Commissioners concerning the busines aforesaid.

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Wenesdaie, the xvijth daie of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Henry Benwell was this daie appointed to bringe in all his rent and money due.

Agreed that Edward Bonevant shall have 5*li.* of Mr. Johnson's money to binde his boye apprentice to John Wye, the said John Wye givinge securitie for the repayment thereof.

Chedock Palmer againe desired to have the xx*li.* formerly promised him upon his securitie, which was agreed unto.

Wenesdaie, the 24th of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc. xxiiij^{to}.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Henry Tubb this daie promised to bringe in on Wenesdaye next the xij*li.*, which hee or his partner formerly receaved att the Sessions, for the House of Correccion.

Agreed that Edward Hamblen, sen., shalbe paid the 3*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.* due to him (as appeares by a noate this daie brought in and filed,) when the Hall is in stock to doe the same.

Upon the petition of the Widowe Skinner, Mr. Willyam Wylder is appointed to speake with the Overseeres of St. Marie's parish to allowe her a weekely rate for her and her children's releife, accordinge to their necessitie.

Nicholas Lanfeare is appointed to goe over to Grimer Hill to see what store of corne Benwell hath and to have over a thretcher with him to thresh out the corne.

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[p. 36.] Wenesdaie, the xxiiijth of January, in the afternoone.

Present, att Mr. Maior's house.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Thomas Powell and Willyam Wilder shall have a lease of the landes att Burghfeild, lately purchased of Willyam Parr, att the rent of xliij*li.* per annum for xxj^{tie} yeares, and under such other covenantes and condicions as are conteyned in a noate of instruccions thereof, upon the file.

Mundaie, the 29th of January, anno Domini 1648, annoque xxiiij^{to} regni regis Caroli Anglie, etc.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope.

This daie Mr. Thomas Cope, Chamberlen, delivered in his accompt for two yeares ended att Michaellmas last, which accompt was allowed. Alsoe the said Thomas Cope delivered to Willyam Milles, the new Chamberlen, Mr. Thorne's bond of x*li.*, which Richard James is to paie; and alsoe 3 bondes of John Newberie's.

Mr. Peter Burningham is to be spoaken with to knowe what he did with the xl*s.*, which was appointed to be given to Henry Rogers to beare his charges in fetchinge the Charter.

Nicholas Lanfeare was this daie appointed to cutt and sell the wood att Grimer Hill and to give an accompt thereof to the Company.

[NOTE BY THE EDITOR. On January 29th, the date of the above entry, an Ordinance was passed by the Commons that the Stile, Title, and Teste of the King should be henceforth omitted in all public documents. On the following day the King was beheaded. From that period until the Restoration all entries in the Diary are indicated ANNO DOMINI.]

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Mundaie, the fifth daie of February, anno Domini 1648.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb.

Memorandum, this daie Henry Benwell paid into the handes of Willyam Milles, Chamberlen, xvj*li.* x*s.*, in parte of payment of xx*li.* arreare; soe Benwell is behinde onely iij*li.* x*s.* which he promised to bring in on Quarterdaie next.

Memorandum, on Quarterdaie next to question Henry Tubb about the money he owes to the Hall.

Mr. Thomas Wells, a forreynor, upon the request of the Lord Fairfax, was admitted a freeman and to use the trade of an upholster, (but for a more full resolucion referred till Quarterdaie next.)

This day Henry Tubb and William Woodes, keepers of the House of Correccion within this Borough, paid and delivered unto the Company xij*li.* which they receaved att the last Sessions, which was distributed in this manner, vizt. vj*li.* to Henry Tubb and William Woodes for wages, xx*s.* to Edward Wylmer, the Maior's clerke, 5*li.* to Mr. Milles, Chamberlen, to be accounted for.

Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the sixeteenth daie of February, anno Domini 1648.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles *, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, John Chandler *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

* Marked as absent.

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[Thomas Baylie's sonne, *in margin.*] Mr. Adam Denton was this daie a suiter for x*li.* of the Bishopp's money, to binde Thomas Baglie's sonne apprentice to Richard Fellowe; agreed that (if Richard Fellowe take the boie to be his apprentice,) when the money growes due he shall have a share thereof.

Henry Knapp. Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, is appointed to take out proces against Henry Knapp, if to-morrow hee doe not pay his rent due last Michaelmas.

Mr. Thomas Wells. Agreed that Mr. Thomas Wells, payeing the accustomed fee of 6*s.* 10*d.*, shall bee admitted and inrolled a freeman to use the trade of an upholster within this Borough.

Samuell Cleere. Agreed that Samuell Cleere, clothier, shall have x*li.* of Mr. Winche's money for 7 yeares (gratis), he providing for securitie for repayment thereof Richard Maulthus and John Cleere.

Mr. Kendricke's almes-men. Agreed that Mr. Alright, the Chamberlen, shall forthwith provide gownes for Mr. Kendricke's almes-men, vizt. Bendie, Maine, Cole and Barrett.

Thomas Willyams. Thomas Willyams was this daie a suiter for more time in the grounde, called the Sanctuary, att the former rent of x*s.* per annum. Agreed that, when the grounde is viewed, he shall receave an aunswer from the Company.

Mr. William Brackston. Agreed that Mr. Willyam Brackston shalbe allowed in full of his fee for the yeare he was Mayor x*li.*, soe as he pay all his arreares of rent to the Hall in some short time.

Mr. Thomas Thackham. Agreed that the Chamberlen shall paie unto Mr. Thomas Thackham xxvj*li.* in full of all demandes from the Company, but his fee.

Mr. Thomas Thackham was this daie appointed to deliver to Mr. Mayor the Towne plate in his custodie, and to paie all his rent and the arreares thereof to the Hall.

Widowe Newbery. Mr. Maior is appointed to speake with the Widowe Newbery about a strey horse (which was left in her husbande's handes by Mr. John Harrison in the time of his Mayoraltie), and to agree with the Widowe Newbery for the said horse.

Henry Benwell. Memorandum, this daie Henry Benwell by his sonne made even for all the arreares of his rent till Michaelmas last.

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Memorandum, to send lettres to Mr. Tanfeild Vachell and John Parr about the arreares of their rent.

[p. 38.] Wenesdaie, the sixth daie of March, anno Domini 1648.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Richard Alright.

Mrs. Stampe. Mr. Thomas Curtis, in the behalfe of Mrs. Stampe, desired the Company to paie unto her xv*li.*, oweing unto her (as executor or administrator to her husband) from the Company; whoe was aunswered that for satisfaccion of the said 15*li.* certen debtes oweing to the Company by John Johnson, Widowe Browne and one Bennett, a broadweaver, were assigned to the said Mr. Stampe; and Mr. Thackham did affirme that the said Mr. Stampe did accept the same for satisfaccion of his said debt; but for a more full aunswer referred till the old booke be searched.

Mr. Thomas Thackham. Agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham shall have 80*li.* out of Mr. Vachell's arrerages of rent, towardes the payment of Widowe Aires and his charges in the suite betweene them, and the residue to be paid him as the Hall shall bee enhabled.

Wenesdaie, the one and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1648.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Deputy Maior.* Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Willyam Beisley.

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Henry Benwell. This daie itt was agreed by and betweene the Company and Henry Benwell, as followeth, vizt. that the said Henry Benwell shall have and enjoy the landes att Grimer Hill for one wholle yeare from Michaelmas last, and that the said Henry Benwell shall paie xxxij*li.* x*s.* rent for the same, vizt. xvj*li.* v*s.* att Whitsuntide next and xvj*li.* v*s.* att Michaellmas next.

[p. 39.] Good Fridaie, the three and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1648.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman *, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright *, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

At this daie the examinacion and eleccion of the three poore Maidservantes to cast the lottes this daie for the xx^tie nobles (parte of Mr. John Blagrave's guifte,) was in this manner, in each Parish one, according to the Will of the donor, vizt.

1. For St. Lawrence parish, Charitie Martin, servant to Clement Marlowe nine yeares and a halfe.

2. For St. Marie's parish, Joane Phillippes, servant to Richard Hussey seaven yeres.

3. For St. Giles' parish, Bridgett Smith, servant to Thomas Crosse.

And afterwardes the said 3 Maidservantes did cast the lottes, vizt.

1. Bridgett Smith—4.

2. Charitie Martin—14, wan the lott, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

3. Joane Phillippes—12.

At this daie alsoe Edward Spire and Ralph Robinson, jun., two poore younge men that had served their apprentishipps within

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this Borough with their masters, and their termes expired since the deceasse of John Eyres, were chosen to have xl*s*. a-peice of the guifte of the said John Eyres, due this yeare to be disposed of according to the direccions of his deed.

This daie alsoe the tennantes brought x*li*. in a new lether purse, accordinge to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and itt was by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes paid and distributed as the Will directeth, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Charitie Martin, whoe did this daie win the lott	6	13	04
To the Preacher this daie . . .	0	10	00
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence Church, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d*. a-peice . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Marie's Church, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d*. a-peice . . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Giles' Church, to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d*. a-peice . . .	0	06	00
To the Junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence Church	0	03	04
To the Clerke and Sexton there . .	0	06	08
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	08
In all	10	00	00

Alsoe 4*li*. of Mr. William Brackston's guifte was this daie distributed as his Will directeth, vizt.

To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parish .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	1	00	00
To xx^tie^ poore men, vizt. 7 in St. Marie's parish, 7 in St. Lawrence parish, and vj in St. Giles' parish, xij*d*. a-peice . . .	1	00	00
	4	00	00

[p. 40.] Alsoe 4*li*. of Mr. William Legge's guifte was this daie distributed as his Will directeth, vizt. to 24 poore housholders, 3*s*. 4*d*. a-peice.

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	li.	s.	d.
To 8 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	6	8
To 8 in St. Marie's parish . . .	1	6	8
To 8 in St. Giles'	1	6	8
	4	0	0

Alsoe 3*li.* of Widowe Worslie's guifte was this daie distributed as her Will directeth to 60 poore widowes, viz[t].

To xxv in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	5	00
To xxv in St. Lawrence parish . .	1	5	00
To x in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	10	00
	3	00	00

Alsoe 5*li.* of John Eyres' guifte was this daie distributed as his deed directeth, viz[t].

	li.	s.	d.
To xx poore housholders, whereof 7 in St. Lawrence parish, 7 in St. Giles' parish, and 6 in St. Marie's parish, xij*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	00
To the beforenamed Ralph Robinson and Edward Spire, xl*s.* a-peice . . .	4	00	00
	5	00	00

Wenesdaie, the xviijth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

William Milles, Richard Alright.

Agreed that Gabriell Patie shall have one of John Alarder's almes-houses in the roome of old Richard Stanton, late deceassed.

Agreed that Robert Creed, baker, shall have the xj*li.*, which the Corporacion owes him, betweene this and Midsummer next.

Agreed that Nicholas Middleton (in regard of a former promise,) shall have the benefitt of one of Sir Thomas Vachell's almeshouses, which next falls.

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Agreed that William Mills, the Chamberlen, shall paie unto Thomas Cottsoll for 107 pole of hedginge att Grimer Hill, att 5*s*. the score, the summe of xxvj*s*. ix*d*.

At this daie the old Overseeres for the poore of St. Lawrence parish brought in their accomptes for the last yeare, which accomptes were allowed of.

[p. 41.] Wenesdaie, the xxiijth daie of Maie, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Agreed that John Staire, a poore old man, shall have one of Mr. Kendricke's almeshouses, in the roome of old Bendie, late deceassed.

Forasmuch as great dammages and inconveniences have happened in this Towne by the often comminge and passage of divers waggons, timber cartes and other cartes, by and over the waie from Castle Streete, through the paved streete called Minster Streete, to Mr. Thackham's and Mr. Dewell's doores, and thenceforwardes to the Markett place and Wharffe, by reason of the narrownes of the waie from Minster Streete to the said Markett place, itt is therefore ordered and agreed that, for the future remidieing of the said inconvenience, the said waie leading out of the said Castle Streete, vizt. from John Fruin's house to John Winche's house, shall bee chained uppe, there being a sufficient waie left for horses and men to passe to and fro, (the said chaine from time to time onely to be opened upon necessary occasions).

Wenesdaie, the thirtith daie of Maye, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

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Agreed that Mr. William Milles, the Chamberlen, shall deliver unto the Overseeres for the poore of the parish of St. Lawrence such wheeles as are nowe in the Hospitall, for the settinge to worke of divers poore people in the said Parish.

[p. 42.] Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the eighth daie of June, anno Domini 1649.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, William Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle.

Agreed that a lettre shalbe forthwith sent to Mr. Richard Winch, of Braye, about the money he standeth bound for with James Winch.

The Company, or a great parte of them, are this afternoone to goe to James Winch to knowe what he will doe about the house and to shewe him Mr. Packe's letter.

This daie Richard Brice refused to take the ground given for the maintenance of Mr. Barnard Harrison's almes-men att iiij*li.* per annum.

Thomas Powell and William Wilder's lease of the landes purchased of William Parr was this daie sealed.

Whereas Henry Knapp, att Ladie-daie last, did owe to the Hall in parte of a quarter's rent then due, the summe of xj*li.*, which is as yett unpaid, and hee this daie did bringe a bill or noate of his charges for contribucion and free quarter of Soldiers to this present daie, itt was thereupon agreed that 6*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.* shalbe abated him for and in full of all taxes, paymentes and charges to this presente daie; and that he shall forthwith paie to the Chamberlen 4*li.* 03*s.* 04*d.*, in full, for all rentes due from him to the Corporacion att Ladie-daie last.

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The Serjeant is appointed to goe to Edward Andrewes and warne him to bringe in the 50*li.* he hath of Mr. Kendricke's money forthwith, and likewise to warne Mathew Wolfe to bring in a new securitie for 25*li.*, insteed of Thomas Froome, deceassed.

Agreed that Francis Lewendon shall paie in the poore's money within xiiij[teene] daies, otherwise a warrant shalbe made to distreyne for the same.

Agreed that Richard Welbeck shall have a lease of the Corner house att xl*s.* per annum for 99 yeares, if 3 lives live so longe; he is to paie for a herriott xx*s.*

This daie Thomas Blower was chosen to be an Assistant to this Corporacion, in the roome of John Chandler, late deceassed.

This daie alsoe nine of the Inhabitantes of this Borough were chosen and appointed to be summoned and warned to be and appeare before the Commissioners on Wenesdaie next, att Henry Earlette's house, to receave direccions from them for the surveyeing and assessing this Borough, viz[t].,

For St. Lawrence parish.
- Richard Castle.
- George Lamboll.
- Richard Brice.

For St. Marie's parish.
- Mr. Willyam Wylder.
- Robert Creed.
- Richard Underwood.

For St. Giles' parish.
- Mr. Peter Thorne.
- Edward Poole.
- Willyam Ambrose.

[p. 43.] Wenesdaie, the xiij[th] daie of June, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Wylder.

Willyam Milles, Chamberlen, was appointed to provide for the enterteynement of the Judges, as followeth, viz[t].

- 3 Barrells of Beere.
- 1 Gallon of Sack.
- 1 Gallon of Clarrett.
- 1 Sugar loafe.
- 2 Quarters of Oates.

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This daie Henry Benwell paid to the Chamberlen 14*li.* towardes his halfe yere's rent for Grimer Hill, due att Ladie-daie last, and 2*li.* 05*s.* 09*d.* was abated to him for extraordinary paymentes, in all 16*li.* 05*s.* 09*d.*, in full of his halfe yeare's rent.

Henry Benwell desired longer time in the landes att Grimer Hill, and was answered that, if he will give securitie for payment of his rent in time to come, he shalbe considered.

Ambrose Broome was referred to take his course in lawe against Richard Clark for breaking his arme.

Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of July, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

This daie Richard Brice, maulster, was appointed to speake with Mr. Waller to take the grounde, neere Newbery, belonging to Mr. Bartholomew Harrison's almesmen.

The dauncers of the rope were this daie forbidden to stay any longer in Towne.

Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of July, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. John Webb.

Thomas Cottsoll this daie brought his bill of reparacions bestowed upon the kilne att Grimer Hill, but was referred for satisfaccion till the worke be viewed. Onely the money due to one Holding, a mason, being xxxj*s.* 5*d.*, for his worke there done, was paid by the Chamberlen.

A lettre was this daie sent to Henry Benwell to wish him to take course speedilie to give securitie for the future payment of his rent, or to avoide the house and landes att Michaelmas next.

[p. 44.] Wenesdaie, the first daie of August, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam

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Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

This daie Mr. James Arnold promised to provide sufficient Cloth to make 70 garmentes for 70 poore people, accordinge to Mr. Aldworthe's will and the letter of Mr. Thomas South, executor to Mr. Aldworth, att the price of 6*s.* 8*d.* a yard; but he desired time to consider thereof untill Wenesdaie next.

Agreed that the Chamberlen shall paie John Bartlett, Serjeant, 6*li.* 11*s.* 6*d.* out of Mr. Kendricke's money, for his great charges, losse of time, journey and paines taken in serving an execution upon Mr. William Cantrell, for parte of Mr. Kendricke's money.

Agreed that a tenn weekes' Taxe, according to the old Collection bookes, shalbe assessed and collected by the Constables of this Borough for the raising of monies which the said Constables have expended in releivinge poore Soldiers, hiringe of Horses for convoyes, and wood and fire for the Courtes of Guard, and other unavoydable disbursementes laid out by them since their cominge into their office: the said Taxe is to be forthwith made.

Mr. Thomas Harrison's requestes to the Company by his lettre were thus aunswered, viz[t].

1. Concerning the 600*li.* formerly lent to the Company to be paid him.	The Company will further consider thereof hereafter.
2. For his freedome from taxes and paymentes.	Aunswered, that the Company cannot ease him therein, but it belonges to the Assessors, and they are to releive him in his taxe if they see cause.
3. Upon his request for a lease for longer time in his Bearehouse.	Answered, that when the Chamberlens have viewed the same and made reporte thereof to the Company, itt shalbe taken into consideracion.
4. Upon his request about the fower-score Poundes.	Answered, that nothing can be done in the same before the money be received.

Henry Benwell is appointed speedilie to give securitie for payment of his rent, or to departe and leave the possession of the landes att Michaelmas next unto the Company.

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Alsoe Thomas Cottsoll is appointed to staie for his money, laid out in repayringe the kilne, untill next Michaellmas, or such time as Benwell's rent cann be receaved.

Upon the peticion of the Widowe Miles, Mr. Maior promised to assigne her 5*s*. out of the Charitable uses, and the Overseeres for the Poore of St. Marie's parish are to lett her have other 5*s*., &c., to outset itt againe in her weekely allowance from the Parish.

Upon the peticion of Widowe Skinner shee is referred to the Overseeres of St. Marie's parish for a further weekely allowance.

[p. 45.] Wenesdaie, the 15th daie of August, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Memorandum, the businesse betweene the Overseeres of St. Lawrence parish and Capt. Denton is referred to the hearing of Mr. Mayor and Mr. Burningham on Wenesdaie next.

Agreed that John Palmer shall have an almeshouse of Mr. William Kendricke's, now void by the deceasse of Willyam Barrett.

Mr. Thomas Harrison's request to the Company for satisfaccion of 600*li*. oweing to him by the Corporacion was answered that the Corporacion was not in a capacitie to paie the same.

Samuell Jemmott and Thomas Kenton's wife were this daie promised that noe course should be taken against Mrs. Maulthus for the rent of the Ortes.

Upon the desire of the Overseeres for the Poore of St. Lawrence parish itt is agreed that Thatcher's childe shalbe taken into consideracion to have x*li*. of the Bishoppe's guifte to binde him apprentice the next time the money growes due.

Wenesdaie, the two and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb.

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Mr. Paice, in the behalfe of his master Mr. Noyce, proffered iij*li.* for the arreares of the annuitie yssueing out of Mr. Noyce's land, which was not accepted of.

Goodman Maine, the tennant of the Woolhall, complayned that divers loades of cheese were brought to the Towne and the Cheesemen refused to weigh their cheese at the Woolhall, or to paie anythinge therefore; whereupon Nicholas Lanfeare was appointed to attend him upon the next occasion, and to require the weighing of the cheese and the antient allowance therefore.

Eleccion-daye, Mundaie, the seaven and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1649.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. James Arnold *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, *percat*.., Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *.

This daie itt was ordered and agreed, that all the tennantes to the Towne shall paie their rentes and the arrerages thereof forthwith, and if any shall refuse the same, that then effectuall course in lawe shalbe taken against them for the recovery thereof.

[p. 46.] Att this daie the Mayor and Aldermen, by direction of their Charter, did name three of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this daie (being the last Mundaie in August), in their Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those three Aldermen (soe named) by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present, this daie should be elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next ensueinge, as in and by their Charter itt is required, vizt.

* Marked as absent.

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1. Mr. Peter Thorne, IIIIIIIIII [10], elected Mayor.
2. Mr. James Arnold.
3. Mr. Willyam Wylder.

Att this daie alsoe the Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlens for the next yeare, as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Willyam Milles, IIIIIIIIII [10].
Richard Alright, IIIIIIIIII [10].

This daie alsoe Mr. Thomas Blower (formerly elected) did take his oath to execute the office of an Assistant in this Corporacion.

Wenesdaie, the nine and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

This daie Mr. Gilbert made knowne Mr. Thomas Pococke's proposalls upon his leavinge the Schoole at Michaellmas next, vizt.

1. That the 15*li.* collected of the Inhabitantes of the Towne might be paid him.

2. That he mought have an order from the Visitors for 20*li.*, of the Bishoppe's money, as the Bishoppe's allowance for the Schoolemaster for 1 yeare, vizt. from Michaellmas 1648 to Michaellmas 1649.

3. That he mought have halfe a yere's stipend due unto him att his first coming to the Schoole.

Mr. Willyam Wise was recommended by Mr. Daniell Blagrove, and thought well of by the Company to be a fittinge and able Schoolemaster to traine upp the Schollers in the Freeschoole within this Borough; and after some discourse had with him by the Company the said Mr. Wise desired further time to consider thereof and appointed to returne his direct answer to Mr. Daniell Blagrave at London.

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[p. 47.] Wenesdaie, the fifth daie of September, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Agreed that on Mundaie next 70 poore people, vizt. 24 in St. Lawrence parish, 23 in St. Marie's parish, and 23 in St. Giles' parish, shalbe elected and chosen by those of the Corporacion in each parish, to have 3 yardes of cloth a-peice of Mr. Aldworthe's guifte to make them garmentes.

This daie the Company[5] considered of Mr. Richard Winche's letter and answered the same, vizt. that they would not take upon them to divide the bond.

This daie alsoe the petition of James Winch was read and considered of, and thereupon itt was agreed and resolved, vizt.

1. That the said James Winch shall continue in Mr. Kendricke's house untill the first of November next, and noe longer.

2. That the money of Mr. Kendricke's guifte, oweing by James Winch and his sureties, shalbe forthwith paid.

3. That if the said James Winch shall departe from the said house and shall leave the said house in tenantable reparacions, and the possession thereof to the Corporacion, and all the standerdes therein in good plight and case, att or before the first daie of November next, that then all the former arreares of his rent shalbe abated and allowed him; but if he shall not departe the said house by the time before prefixed and leave the possession thereof and of the standerdes therein, that then nothing att all shalbe abated.

Mundaie, the ninth daie of September, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr.

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Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Halloway, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

This daie the Company present, by and with the approbacion of Mr. Alder's executor, did elect and choose 35 poore men and 35 poore weomen to have 3 yardes of cloth a-peice to make them garmentes accordinge to the directions of Mr. Alder's Will, vizt.

In St. Lawrence parish.

Thomas Lowgrove, Richard Robinson, Old Whittell, Robert Harris, Old Beenham, John Haies, Old Pettie, Old Hulbert, Thomas Higgins, William Grinfeild, Edward Atye, Nicholas Middleton, Widow Beare, Widow Bailye, Widow Sherfeild, Widow Hancock, Joane Rider, K., Widow Beale, Widow Sidbury, Widow Dangerfeild, Widow Thatcher, Widowe Harrison, Widowe Dinnie, Widowe Bell.

St. Marie's parish.

Joseph Easte, sen., James Bates, Richard Wheeler, Mathew Deane, Old Ipsone, Old Yeates, Old Brickett, Thomas Hill, Old Spencer, Simon Eason, Thomas Evans, K., Widowe Howell, Widowe Miles, Widowe Allen, Widowe Foster, Widowe Collens, Widowe Grey, Widowe Hulbert, Widowe Palmer, Widowe Calcott, Widowe Emmerton, Widowe Tull, Widowe Rawlins.

In St. Giles' parish.

Robert Jenkinson, Old Rowse, Old Knight, Old Burley, Willyam Walles, Old Nevell, Old Hill, Old Hunniburne, William Hasell, Old Underwood, John Evans, K., Old Mumford, Widowe Smith, Widowe Wheeler, K., Widowe Holmes, Widowe Richardson, Widowe Applebee, Widowe Burton, Widowe Chesterman, Widowe Martine, Widowe Grantum, Widowe Mailins, Widowe Justice.

All theise poore people had 3 yardes of cloth delivered unto them respectively to make them garmentes according to the donor's Will.

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[p. 48.] Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of September, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Thorne, *elect.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Robert Linde's peticion was answered as appeares under the foote of the peticion upon the file of this yeare.

This daie itt is referred to Willyam Milles, the Chamberlen, to ceaze 5 strey beastes now in this Towne and to withe[6] them and putt them in some convenient place to pasture, within this Borough, and cause them to be criedd in this Towne and the nearest adjoyning Markett townes.

Order that Mr. Peter Burningham shall goe to London to receave satisfaccion from the Committee of the Army about the lending of money to Soldiers, and that his charges in this journey shalbe bourne by the Corporacion.

Satterdaie, the xiiijth daie of September, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Thorne, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Mr. Peter Burningham informed the Company that he had byn att London and had made knowne the greivance of the Towne (about lendinge money to the Soldiers) to the Committee of the Army, but could not have any redresse therein.

And then itt was agreed that some of the most substantiall Inhabitantes of the Towne, to be chosen by Mr. Mayor, shall lend to the troope of Horse nowe in Towne 80*li.*, for their paie the next weeke, untill their assigned paie does come.

[6] *i.e.* to bind with twigs.

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Quarterdaie, Mundaie, the xxiiij[th] daie of September, anno Domini 1649.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, *elect Maior*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave*, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *, Thomas Blower.

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Mr. Iremonger's house. This daie itt was agreed that the tennantes to Mr. Iremonger's house, in Minster Streete, shalbe distreyned for the rent behinde for that house, or that a writt shalbe forthwith sent for to arrest them.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Thomas Harrison (in satisfaccion of Mrs. Baker's debt) shall holde the Conduitt close untill Michaellmas daie, 1650, without any rent paieing therefore; and if itt shall happen that the Towne bee visited with the pestilence, soe that he be hindred in enjoyeing the said Close, then the Company will give him such further time therein as shall repaire the said hinderance.

Upon the said Thomas Harrison's desire of further time in his bearehouse, itt was resolved that noe further time therein shalbe granted him untill the same be surveyed by the Chamberlaines, and Mr. Arnold and Mr. Webb whoe are thereunto appointed, and to reporte the state of the premisses on Mundaie next, att which daie the said Thomas Harrison is appointed to attend and to receave his answer.

Resolved upon the question that Mr. Peter Thorne (now Mayor elect) shall have the tolle of the Markett the next yeare, in liewe of his fee as Maior the next yeare.

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Agreed that Willyam Stanton shall have a new lease of his nowe dwellinge-house for xxj^{tie} yeares, from Ladie-daye last, att *7li.* rent per annum.

This daie the Chamberlaines were appointed to view a plott of grounde in Sivier's Streete, whereupon certen tenementes late in the occupacion of Humfrey Milles did stand, and to take the measure of the same grounde and reporte itt to the Company.

Thomas Potter was required by Mr. Mayor to deliver the old Tolle-booke to Richard Reddatt.

Upon the peticion of Bartholmew Avery, itt is referred to the Churchwardens and Overseeres for the Poore of each Parish to take securitie of forreyners for the discharge of the Parish.

Henry Shipwaie's peticion was answered that there is a Scavenger to performe the Towne businesse alreadie, and untill he shalbe removed from the said ymployment noe other shalbe chosen in.

[p. 50.] Mundaie, the first daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Bateman, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Thorne, *elect.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and], Mr. John Harrison, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle, Thomas Blower *.

This daie Mr. Peter Thorne, the now elected Mayor, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes above named, and by direccions of the Act of Parliament of the fifth of September last past, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Mayor, Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough of Reading and the libertie thereof.

* Marked as absent.

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And then alsoe Mr. Thomas Bateman, the precedent Maior, did take his oath to execute the office of Justice of the Peace within the said Borough and the liberties thereof, duringe one wholle yeare next comminge.

And then alsoe the said Mayor, by and with the consent of the Aldermen his Brethren, did agree that the two old Chamberlens, vizt., Mr. Willyam Milles and Mr. Richard Alright, being formerly sworne, should continue to execute the office of Chamberlaines of this Borough for the next yeare.

This daie alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for the next yeare, vizt.

Thomas Seakes Thomas Blower Richard Steevenson	Constables, jurati.
Thomas Filpe William Noake	Gardiani London Warde, jurati.
Richard Horsingdon Francis Ward	Gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.
Richard Brackston Robert Bent William Hatton	Gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
George Hussey William Wylder	Gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.
John Clinton Thomas Shefford	Gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.

This daie Thomas Seakes, Thomas Blower and Richard Steevenson were sent for to appeare before the Company, but they came not.

Resolved upon the question, that the Lecture from henceforth shalbe preached every Tuesdaie at St. Lawrence Church, soe as the Ministers approve thereof.

Resolved upon the question, that if Mr. Thomas Harrison have a lease of John Alarder's landes now in his occupacion, during his and his two sonnes' lives, that then he shall paie xij*li.* per annum rent for the same, beginninge the payment thereof presently.

Further resolved that if Mr. Thomas Harrison have a lease of the tenemente in the Old Ward (now in the occupacion of him or his assignes), for 3 lives, that then he shall paye xl*s.* rent per annum, and 15*li.* for a fine for the same.

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And the said Thomas Harrison was appointed to bring in his direct answer to the premisses betweene this and next Quarter-daie.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall gett the new Charter exemplified under the Great Seale as soone as conveniently he may, and afterwardes the Sessions shalbe held within this Borough.

[p. 51.] Wenesdaie, the third daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. John Harrison, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

This daie Mr. Thomas Curtis sealed a bond to save the Corporacion and their officers harmlesse from any charge or inconvenience that may happen to them or any of them, concerning certen goodes by him attached and now in the custodie of the Serjeant for a debt oweing to the said Thomas Curtis by Mr. Edward Stafford.

Agreed that as soone as the Company can gett in Mr. Kendricke's money out of James Winch or his sureties' handes, then Peter Clerke (finding a convenient Master) shalbe forthwith considered and ymployed.

Mundaie, the eighth daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Agreed that the Lawdaie for the Borough shalbe held on Wenesdaie next come [*blank*] weekes.

This daie x poore fatherlesse Boies were nominated and chosen in this Borough to have their proporcionable partes of the Arch-

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Bishoppe's guifte to binde them apprentices to tradesmen within this Borough, vizt.

John Fellowes . .	in St. Lawrence parish.
Francis Blake . .	
William Boade . .	
Richard Wilder . .	in St. Marie's parish.
Thomas Skinner . .	
Thomas West . .	
John Astlett . .	in St. Giles' parish.
Robert Palmer . .	
Richard Chesterman .	
John Newell . .	

Which Boyes are appointed to attend the Mayor and Aldermen att the Guildhall on Wenesdaie next come senight, in the morninge, att which time and place the Masters of the Boies are to be present.

Whereas the last yeare there were 5 Boies chosen in St. Lawrence parish and this yeare are chosen 4 in St. Giles' parish, to have their shares of the Arch-Bishoppe's guifte to bind them apprentices, itt is nowe agreed that the next time Boies are chosen, consideracion shalbe had of St. Marie's parish for 4 to be chosen there.

[p. 52.] Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie.

This daie Henry Benwell by his sonne paid his halfe yeare's rent for the landes att Grimer Hill, due at Michaellmas last past, vizt. 16*li.* 5*s.* 0*d.* in this manner, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
In readie money to William Milles, the Chamberlen	14	01	06
Allowed to him for Quartering and other payments this last halfe yeare . .	02	03	06
In all	16	05	0

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	li. s. d.
This daie alsoe the said Willyam Milles by Mr. Maior's order paid unto Thomas Cottsoll for reparacions att the kill at Grimer Hill the summe of	7 03 06

Wenesdaie, the seventeenth daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Richard Alright.

This daie itt was agreed that the Company present att their departure from the Hall shall goe unto Mr. Tanfeild Vachell and demand the arrerages of his rent for the Pottman-Brooke groundes.

This daie itt was agreed and approooved of that xj of the xij Boies, that are to have the benefitt of the Archbishoppe's guifte this yeare to bind them apprentices, shall be placed with the Masters and for the time hereafter mencioned; att th'end whereof each Master hath promised and is to covenant in the indenture to paie unto his apprentice the summe of money hereafter expressed, viz[t].

1. Francis Blake to Mr. John Webb, clothier, for ix yeares, to have iij*li.* att th'end of the terme.

2. Willyam Boade to Thomas Cooper, clothier, for 7 yeares, to have l*s.* att th'end of the terme.

3. Richard Wilder to James Whitehart, broadweaver, for 7 yeares, to have xl*s.* att th'end of the terme.

4. Thomas West to Robert Remnant, hempdresser, for 8 yeares, to have xxx*s.* att th'end of the terme.

5. Robert Palmer to Francis Batt, broadwever, for 7 yeares, to have xl*s.* att th'end of the terme.

6. John Astlatt to Richard Ewins, taylor, for 8 yeares, to have 3*li.* at th'end of the terme.

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7. Richard Chesterman to Willyam Samples, sen., broadweaver, for viij yeares, to have xl*s*. att th'end of the terme.

8. John Newell to William Samples, jun., broadweaver, for 7 yeares, to have xl*s*. att th'end of the terme.

9. John Fellowes to John Cornwall.

10. Thomas Skinner to John Hill, broadweaver, for 8 yeares, to have l*s*. att th'end of the terme.

11. John Woodale, of Braye parish, to Mr. Peter Thorne, tanner, for [*blank*] yeares, to have xl*s*. att th'end of the terme.

[p. 53.] Agreed that the Boies shalbe bounde from Michaelmas last past.

Order from the Visitors. This daie a Lettre from the Visitors concerning the Archbishoppe's guifte was read, wherein they desire that xx*li*. of the Bishoppe's money may be paid to Mr. Thomas Pocock, the present Schoolemaster, for officiating his place for one wholle yeare ended att Michaellmas last; whereupon itt was agreed that the same should be accordingly paid unto him.

Mr. Thomas Pocock to have x*li*., and to deliver upp the Freeschoole. Resolved upon the question, that Mr. Thomas Pocock shall out of the Hall revenue have x*li*. paid him in full of all his arreares, vizt. 5*li*. presently and 5*li*. att Ladie-daie next. And then the said Mr. Thomas Pocock promised to deliver upp the possession of the Freeschoole, unto such persone or persons as the Company shall appointe, on Satterdaie next.

Noe abatement to be allowed to the tennantes of the Bishoppe's land. Resolved upon the question, that the Company cannot allowe of any abatement of rent to the tennantes of the Archbishoppe's land att Braye this yeare.

Wardens sworne. This daie Robert Bent, warden of Highwarde, and Willyam Noakes, warden of London Ward, received their oathes to execute the office of Wardens within this Borough.

Mrs. Margarett Thackham. Agreed that Mrs. Margarett Thackham shall attend the Company on Mundaie next come senight and then her peticion shalbe answered.

Soldiers. Agreed that more money shalbe borrowed of the Inhabitantes of this Towne for the Soldiers.

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Mundaie, the two and twentith daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles.

This daie John Pocock, in the behalfe of himselfe and his partner, George Trice, desired to buy the woodes att Grimer Hill; resolved that Mr. Maior, Mr. Burningham and the Chamberlen shall on Mundaie next view the landes att Grimer Hill and then agree upon the price of the woodes with them.

Agreed that Mrs. Margaret Thackham's busines shalbe agitated on Wenesdaie next come senight.

Att this daie the Lawe-daie for the Borough was holden.

Nomina Juratorum, vizt.

George Harrison, primus	jurati.	George Porchmore	jurati.
Thomas Tilleard		Richard Hollowaie	
Richard Milson		Edward Aires	
Robert Ferman		John Humfrey	
John Cleere		John Butler	
John Smith		Francis Barnard	
Henry Bennett		Richard Ewins	
		Richard Maulthus	

George Harrison
Thomas Tilleard
Richard Milson
Richard Malthus } assignati Affierers et jurati.

William Porter
Robert Woodier } Fleshtasters.

John Wylder, jun.
John Millisent } Fishtasters, jurati.

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Thomas Richardes Anthony Slarke	Searchers and Seallers of Leather, jurati.
James Hulbert Thomas Burton	Aletasters.
John Jerome Richard Reddatt	Heywardes.
. . . .	Searchers and overseeres for the true makinge of Woollen Cloth, jurati, and bound in 40*li.* a-peice.

[p. 54.] Wenesdaie, the xxxjth daie of October, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright.

This daie two Boies were presented from Wokingham, and one of them, vizt. Richard Ireland, was chosen to have the benefitt of the Archbishoppe's guifte, whoe is to be bounde apprentice to Thomas Underwood, broadweaver, and to have xxx*s.* att th'end of his seaven yeares' service.

This daie delivered unto Mr. Thomas Cope a bond under Willyam Parr, John Parr, Reynold Brooke and Walter Fellowe's handes, for the payment of 120*li.* att a daie past, and the said Thomas Cope promised to bring in an acquittance for the money.

John Baker. This daie John Baker, clothier, desired to have libertie to make a porch to his barne, 5 foote into the streete: agreed that Mr. Mayor, Mr. Fruin and the two Chamberlens shall this daie view the grounde and see whether or noe the porch soe standing may be an annoyance to the streete; if it bee not, then the said John Baker may have the said libertie for a considerable yearely rent.

Mrs. Thackham. Mrs. Margarett Thackham this daie presented to the Company 4 bills of divers summes of money pretended to be oweing by them to her as executrix to her late husband, Francis Thackham, deceassed: the bills were read, but by reason

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of the paucitie of the Company present, nothing thereupon was agreed.

Stephen Mathew. Nicholas Lanfeare and John Bartlett complayned and informed that they lately being in discourse with William Samples, and Samples demanding of them what businesse was att Hall, one Stephen Mathew standing by did use theise wordes, vizt. there comes none but a pack of knaves to the Hall.

Joane Bye. Joane, the wife of Caleb Bye, was this daie committed to the Counter for using divers opprobrious wordes against Thomas Shefford, one of the Wardens of this Borough.

Mundaie, the fifth daie of November, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Richard James, Thomas Blower.

A letter to be sent to Mr. Knight, concerning Mr. Cantrell and the Charter. This daie a letter from Mr. Walter Knight, directed to Mr. Mayor, was read, and in answer thereunto itt is agreed that Mr. Wylmer shall signifie unto him that the Company doe approve of John Sawyer to be one of the bailes for Mr. Cantrell, and to desire Mr. Knight to take care that a sufficient responsable man may bee the other baile; and as for the money that he desires, to lett him know that when the Charter is exemplified and he bringes his bill itt shalbe paid.

Soldiers. Agreed that 100*li.* shalbe borrowed of some Townesmen and lent to the Foote Soldiers now in Towne, to avoid free quarter.

[p. 55.] Wenesdaie, the seventh daie of November, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Deputy Maior.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott.

John Bakon. John Bakon, late apprentice unto Thomas Phillippes, woollendraper, 7 yeares, having served the same as itt was prooved by his Master, was admitted a freeman of this Borough soe as he paie the accustomed fee of 6*s.* 10*d.*

Mr. William Creed. Mr. Willyam Creed, sonne of John Creed, late deceassed, was this daie a suiter for a further estate in 2 tenementes in Gutter Lane and a shoppe in Butcher Rewe, late in the occupacion of John Creed, during 2 lives more, vizt. Willyam Creed, sonne of Edward Creed, and Robert Creed, sonne of Henry Creed, at the old rent: wherupon itt was put to the question what fine he shall paie for such an estate; resolved that he shall paie 24*li.* and surrender his old lease depending upon his owne life, that a further estate, vizt. during his owne and his 2 kinsmen's lives, may be granted. Which fine of 24*li.* the said Mr. William Creed was contented to paie; and then the Company did promise him that in case any of the lives should die before the sealing of the lease, that then he should have libertie to nominate any other.

25*li.* of Richard Johnson's guift. Whereas Nathaniell Jemmott had 25*li.* of Richard Johnson's guifte, which will not be due this 7 yeares, or neere upon; and forasmuch as the Company are informed that the said Nathaniell before his deceasse did deliver unto his sureties a stock of goodes to satisfie the said debt, it is therefore ordered that they shalbe warned to Hall against this daie senight, to give better securitie for payment of the money.

770*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money. Agreed that the Serjeantes shall warne all those that have the 770*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, to paie the same betwixt this and St. Thomas' daie next.

John Cule to have 25*li.* of Sir T. White's guift. Agreed that John Cule, clothier, shall [have] the 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte, paid in by William Stanton, for x yeares upon this securitie, vizt. Richard Seely, Willyam Stanton and Francis Browne.

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Wenesdaie, the fourteenth daie of November, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope.

Communicacion was this daie had concerninge the purchasing of parte of the Kinge's meade and the Kinge's barne and stables, with parte of Mr. Kendricke's money or some other of the Hall monies; and itt was agreed that all the Company shalbe warned to meete together on Satterdaie next to consider further of the businesse.

Agreed that Willyam Page, glover, (upon good securitie) shall have 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* of the lottery money for 5 yeares.

Pest-house. Agreed that the Chamberlen shall forthwith take downe the boarded Pest-house in the Conduitt close and sell the same to the best advantage or otherwise laie uppe the boardes which shall be most convenient.

Mr. Thomas Thackham. Mr. Thomas Thackham this daie delivered unto Mr. Mayor the silver flaggon and silver bowle belonging to the Hall.

[p. 56.] John Alarder's Almes-men. This daie upon the desire of John Alarder's Almes-men and in regard some of them are beddridden and unable to goe abroad, and the rest very much necessitated, itt is agreed that in liew of the gownes they were to have this yeare, the money for that purpose shalbe delivered unto them.

Soldiers. Agreed that all the Troopers and Foote Soldiers nowe quartered in the Towne, and which have byn here 7 nightes alreadie, shalbe forthwith billetted in the Inns, Alehouses and Tavernes of this Borough (except such private houses as they can agree with).

Freeholders of Goringe. Richard Wylder, Thomas Hunt and Griffin Kirsell, freeholders in the parish of Goring, complayned

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that one Mr. Stoner did inclose about 6 score acres of the common called Goring Heath; but nothing was thereupon resolved.

Thomas Cope. Mr. Thomas Cope made knowne that he had delivered William Parr's bond unto Walter Fellowe, one of the sureties, and brought a noate under his hand for the receipte thereof.

Satterdaie, the seaventeenth daie of November, anno Domin 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Robert James, Samuell Jemott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle.

Goring Heath. Resolved that the Company will assist the freeholders of Goringe parish in taking a speedie and effectuall course in lawe against the inclosers of Goring Heath.

Basingstoke. This daie itt was thought fitt and convenient that Mr. Maior should take order for the disposing of certen monies lately collected of the Inhabitantes of this Towne for the releife of the poore people in Basingstoke, whose houses were burned.

Mundaie, 26° Novembris, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Samuell Jemott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower.

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Mrs. Thackham. This daie Mrs. Thackham's bills were read and the businesse debated, and John Bartlett was appointed to signifie unto her, that if shee can produce any former order or orders from the Company for the expending of any money in their behalfe or any witnesse that by their appointment he did expend any, or any bills for moneyes to workemen or others laid out for them, itt shalbe taken into consideracion next Quarter-daie.

Goringe Heath. Mr. Burningham and Mr. Alright are to goe to Goring to-morrowe to meete the freeholders of the parish there, and consult with them what course to take with the inclosers of the Common.

[p. 57.] Wenesdaie, the eight and twentith daie of November, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Willyam Wright, dyer, promised to deliver unto William Brickett the iron pott which Mr. George Thorne gave to the poore people att the Oracle house, to be used in common between them.

Henry Hurley promised to departe and leave the possession of his workehouse by Ladie-daie next att the furthest, if in the meane-time he cannott otherwise agree with the Company.

Wenesdaie, the fifth daie of December, anno Domini 1649.

Present. Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Robert Westmerland brought divers bills to the Hall and desired satisfaccion for former worke done, and for wood delivered by him to the Courtes of Guard, which he pretended to be by order from Mr. Thomas Thackham in the yere that he was Mayor; and after some debate of the businesse to and fro, Robert Westmerland did promise to refer the businesse to be

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determined by Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Fruin and Mr. Wooldridge, which the Company present, in behalfe of themselves and the wholle Corporacion, did likewise doe, and vj*d.* on each parte was exchanged and delivered in parte of xx*li.* to be forfeited on that parte which should faile in the performance of the award made by the persons aforesaid, soe as the award be made by the persons aforesaid by St. Thomas' daie next; and if they cannot agree upon the same and all matters in question betweene the parties, George Lamboll to be umpier.

This daie Richard Alright and John Bartlett brought a cloth to the Hall which they distreyned from Francis Lewendon for arrerages of rent yssueing out of Mr. Iremonger's house in Minster Streete.

[p. 58.] Quarter-daie, Fridaie, the 21th of December, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin *.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *, Thomas Blower *.

Mr. Thomas Harrison. Mr. Thomas Harrison was againe a suiter for a longer terme in John Alarder's landes he holdes; whereupon itt was resolved that att the yerely rent of x*li.* he shall have a lease thereof for 99 yeares (if 3 lives live soe longe); and the said Thomas Harrison was contented to take the same att the said yerely rent of x*li.*, soe as he mought have itt during 4 lives, but was answered that they cannot grante a 4th life, but if any of them be then living, in case either of his 2 sonnes

* Marked as absent.

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die before him, they will be readie to doe him any curtesie in that behalfe.

And the said Thomas Harrison then proposed concerning the plott of ground neere Newbery, of his father's guifte, that if the Company would forbeare lettinge the same till he had seene itt, he would be their tennant at 4*li.* per annum: the Company did like well of this proposicion and did thanke him for itt, and said he should have the land att the said rent before any other.

Richard Welbeck. Richard Welbecke's lease formerly agreed on was this daie sealed.

William Creede's lease. And Mr. William Creede's lease of his father's houses and shoppe was likewise sealed, and Robert Creed, in the behalfe of the said William Creed, did paie unto the Chamberlen 24*li.* for the fine formerly agreed on for the same.

Mrs. Stampe. Mrs. Anne Stampe was this daie paid xl*s.* by the Chamberlen, and in consideracion thereof shee sealed a generall release to the Company.

Mrs. Hatton. Mrs. Hatton was required to paie the rent and arrerages thereof for a tenemente in Friers Streete belonging to Charitable uses, but shee refused to paie any: agreed that a speedie course be taken for the recovery thereof.

Henry Tubb. Henry Tubb and Willyam Woodes brought xj*li.*, which they received att the last Sessions for the Countie, for the House of Correccion, which xj*li.* was disposed of as followeth, vizt. to the said Tubb and Woodes for their care and paines in keepinge the said House of Correccion 5*li.*, and to the Chamberlen vj*li.*

Ordered that the said Henry Tubb shall give bond to paie xx*li.* he oweth to the Hall, vizt. 1*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a quarter, till the xx*li.* be fully paid, beginninge the first payment att Ladie-daie next, which the said Henry Tubb did promise to doe.

Agreed that the lawe shalbe prosecuted with effect against divers persones mencioned in a noate read this daie for the recovery of moneyes belonging to divers uses.

Mr. Knight. Agreed that Mr. Walter Knighte's bill of 9*li.* 6*s.* 4*d.* for the Charter and other businesse shalbe paid him by the Chamberlen.

Arrerages of rent for the ground nere Newbery. Memorandum, Charles Kiphtell was behinde for halfe a yere's rent, due for the plott of ground neere Newbery att Ladie-daie, 1649, which is

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still unpaid, and Mr. Brice or Mr. Waller will be behind at Ladiedaie next a wholle yere's rent.

[p. 59.] Memorandum, the 4*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's guifte to 24 poore housholders of this Corporacion, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, was distributed, vizt. to

8 in St. Lawrence parish.
7 in St. Marie's parish.
9 in St. Giles' parish.

Then alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guifte to x poore men of this Corporacion, 8*s.* a-peice, was distributed, vizt. to

4 in St. Lawrence parish.
3 in St. Marie's parish.
3 in St. Giles' parish.

Then alsoe the x shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guifte were distributed, to

4 in St. Giles' parish.
3 in St. Marie's parish.
3 in St. Lawrence parish.

And then alsoe the tenn wascoates of Mr. Iremonger's guifte were distributed, vizt. to

4 in St. Marie's parish.
3 in St. Giles' parish.
3 in St. Lawrence [parish].

Memorandum, in this yeare there was received of the tennant to Mr. Iremonger's house as parte of the arreares vj*li.*, which was disposed in this manner, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
1. Paid to the generall accomptes out of which xl*s.* was the last yere to buy the wascoates .	2	00	0
2. Paid for the x wascoates this yeare, (cloth being very deare)	2	07	6
3. Distributed the residue to divers poore people in the 3 parishes (according to the proporcion of wascottes before mencioned), being the sume of	1	12	6
In all	6	00	00

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Fridaie, the iiijth daie of January, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayour.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Samuell Jemmott, [Assistant.]

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Harrison att Ladie-daie next shall enter upon the grounde of his father's guifte, neere Newbery, and enjoye the same att the yearely rent of iiij*li.*

Old John Hunniburne was this daie elected to have one of Mr. Kendricke's Almes-houses nowe voide by the deceasse of old John Palmer.

Mr. Richard Winch of Braye his letter concerninge Simon Foord was answered as appeares upon the file of this yeare.

Haines. One [*blank*] Haines, a young man (having of longe time dwelt in Mr. Kendricke's workehouse without any order from the Company) was this daie warned to departe and leave the possession thereof by Ladie-daie next.

Mr. Pack. Mr. Packe's lettre in the behalfe of James Winch, senior, was read, and itt is agreed that James Winch shall suddenly be spoaken with, and then the letter shalbe answered.

John Bartlett. Agreed that John Bartlett shalbe allowed for his horse hire and expences att Abingdon about the Towne businesse the summe of x*s.*

John Lesson. Alsoe agreed that John Lesson, the cooke, shalbe allowed x*s.*

[p. 60.] Wenesdaie, the sixeteenth daie of January, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb.

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Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott.

Mr. Thomas Harrison. In consideracion of Mr. Thomas Harrison's charges to be bestowed in railinge and fencinge of the plott of grounde of his father's guifte, itt is agreed that he shall holde and enjoye the Conduitt closes for 1 wholle yeare from Michaelmas, 1650; provided that (if itt shall please God to visitte this Towne with the pestilence) he shall during the time of such visitacion leave the possession of the said Closes to be employed for the use of the visited people as formerly hath been accustomed.

Alsoe agreed that Mr. Thomas Harrison shall have a lease of the plott of grounde, of his father's guifte, for 21tie yeares att iiij*li.* rent per annum.

Alsoe agreed that the said Thomas Harrison shall have a lease of John Alarder's land nowe in his occupacion during his owne and his two sonnes' lives att x*li.* rent per annum; and in case either of his 2 sonnes die duringe his life, that then he shall enjoye the same during such one other of his Children's lives, as he shall nominate and appointe, and the lease is to commence from Ladiedaie next.

Wenesdaie, the 13th daie of February, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Richard Alright, [Assistant.]

William Richardson. Capt. Curtis desired the benevolence of the Company for the releife of Willyam Richardson, a man (in regard of his great charge and want of stock to manage his trade) much necessitated; referred for an answer till next Quarter-daie.

Widowe Skinner desired an allowance from the Hall to mainteyne and releive herselfe and her children; answered that she hath alreadie a faire allowance from the Serjeant and the parish of St. Mary, therefore they will not allowe her any thinge.

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Keeper of the House of Correccion. Henry Tubb and Willyam Woodes, keepers of the House of Correccion, brought xv*li.*, which was received att the Quarter sessions; ordered that they shall be allowed iiij*li.* and the residue shalbe delivered to the Chamberlen.

William Smith. Willyam Smith is appointed to come to the Hall himselfe, and he shall have the plott of ground in Sivier Streete where the houses lately stood, upon such rent as can be agreed on.

Mrs. Jenninges. Mrs. Jenninges demanded 28*li.* oweing (as shee pretended) by the Hall to her, as executor of her husband, but nothing was done in the businesse.

Mr. Packe's lettre. Mr. Packe's letter was read and James Winch was sent for but could not come, soe nothing was concluded on concerninge that busines.

Mathew Wolfe. Upon Mr. Webb's motion for 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money to be lent to Mathew Wolfe for 3 yeares, resolved that itt cannot be lent to any but those that clothe.

Jonas Hickes. Agreed that Jonas Hickes shall have 5*s.* to releive his present necessitie.

[p. 61.] Mundaie, the eighteenth daie of February, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

The businesses concerning the Ingagement and Doctor Swaddon's guifte are referred to further consideracion.

Mundaie, the five and twentith daie of February, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Samuell Jemmott.

Agreed that Mr. John Webb and Edward Wylmer th'elder, according to the warrant of the Commissioners, shall goe to Alesbury, about the setling the landes of Doctor Swaddon's guifte upon an able tennant, that the rent to this and other places for time to come may be better paid then heretofore itt hath beene.

Agreed that the Chamberlen shall provide towardes the enterteynement of the Judges att the next Assizes, vizt.

One gallon and a halfe of Sack.
Three barrells of Beere.
One Sugar loafe of 6*li.*
One quarter of Oates.
And for the Clerke of the Assizes 1 quarter of Oates.

The Judges' lodging is appointed to be at Mr. Thomas Thackham's house.

The Clerke of the Assizes lodging att Richard Saunders' house.

Mr. Seelie's lodginge att Richard Seelie's house.

Mr. Babbington's lodging att Mr. Wooldridge's house.

Wenesdaie, the sixth daie of March, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Mr. Willyam Cantrell. Mr. Willyam Cantrell this daie desired that the Company would receave 100*li.* from him and release him of the bond of 200*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, due from him and others longe since, and for which there is a suite now depending. Answered that the Company cannott accept of 100*li.* otherwise then for parte of the bond; for if they should release him they release the wholle bond; but if after a verdict given for them, he will give sufficient securitie for 100*li.*, and his father-in-lawe James Winch for another 100*li.*, to be paid in convenient time, the Company will accept thereof.

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Edward Poole. Agreed that Edward Poole, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money for 3 yeres (gratis), upon his owne, Robert Welbeck, John Rose, and George Moore's bond for repayment thereof.

[p. 62.] Wenesdaie, the fourteenth daie of March, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Mr. Knight. This daie Mr. Mayor signed an order for Mr. Milles, Chamberlen, to paie out of Mr. John Kendricke's money to Mr. Walter Knight 11*li.* 9*s.* 9*d.*, for the charges expended in the behalfe of the Company in their suite against Cantrell.

Charles Kiphtell. Agreed that nothing shalbe abated unto Charles Kiphtell of his rent, but that he shalbe speedilie arrested for the same.

Roger Kelseye's sonne. The Company cannot allowe any thinge either of the Bishoppe's or any other guifte for the placinge of Roger Kelseie's sonne apprentice, in regard he is uncapable thereof by living this last 4 or 5 yeares forth of this Towne, although hee were borne here.

Mundaie next is appointed for Quarterdaie.

Quarter-daie, Mundaie, the eighteenth daie of March, anno Domini 1649.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch,

* Marked as absent.

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Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott *, Willyam Beisley *, Richard Castle, Thomas Blower *.

Robert Welbeck. This daie Robert Welbeck desired to have a lease of the house late in Widowe Chandler's occupacion, and likewise allowance for charges he hath byn att in repayringe the same; but nothing was concluded on.

Edward London. Upon the peticion of Edward London, itt is agreed that when he hath repaired the house of John Alarder's land now in his holding, he shall have a lease thereof for longer time before another.

Isable Coxe. Upon the peticion of Isable Coxe, widowe, for a promise to be made for x*li.* of the Bishopp's money, to place her sonne apprentice, agreed that noe promise therefore shalbe made.

Ordered that those whoe have money oweing them by the Hall, for charges expended in suites of lawe in the behalfe of the Company, doe bring in their bills for the same and they shall have some satisfaccion therefore.

Thomas Shefford. Agreed that Thomas Shefford shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money for 3 yeres upon good securitie.

William Richardson. Alsoe agreed that William Richardson shall have [£]6 13 4 of the lottery money for 5 yeares upon good securitie.

Mr. Thackham. Agreed that Mr. Thomas Thackham shall have xx*s.* more then was formerly agreed on for the enterteynement of the Judges, in regard of his extraordinary charges in fire and beere provided for them.

Alsoe agreed that a writt shall be sent for against Mr. Brackstone, Mrs. Jenninges, Thomas Baker and Edward Shipwaie for rentes oweing by them to the Hall.

[p. 63.] Wenesdaie, the twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1649.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

* Marked as absent.

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Assistantes.

William Milles, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright.

Thomas Shefford. Thomas Shefforde's securitie, vizt. Humfrey Cooper, Robert Westmerland and Willyam Champe, was accepted for the 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money to be lent unto him for 3 yeares.

Edward Johnson and Willyam Belchamber referred the difference betweene them concerning halfe a yeare's rent due in the yeare 1648 for one of John Alarder's houses to be decided by two indifferent men to be chosen betweene them suddenly, and the Company will have patience for some small time to forbeare suite in lawe for the said half yere's rent.

Wenesdaie, the third daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb.

James Winch. Agreed that an effectuall course in lawe shalbe taken against James Winch that the possession of his house may be delivered to the Company, and that a lease of ejectment be forthwith sealed to eject him.

Daniel Browne. Daniell Browne was recommitted to the Counter for refusing to finde sureties for his good behaviour.

Charles Kiphtell. Agreed that Charles Kiphtell shall paie all the arrerages of his rent, for the Company will not give awaie the poore's money nor abate him any.

Henry Hurly. Henry Hurley this daie confessed that he hath byn 4 yeares and a quarter in a parte of Mr. Kendricke's workehouse where he nowe liveth; and he promised that att Midsummer next he will departe and leave the possession of the house to whome the Company shall appointe.

Mr. Waddon. Mr. Wooldridge's proposall concerning Mr. Waddon, the new Schoolemaster, was respited for further consideracion thereof till the Visitors meete.

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[p. 64.] Good Fridaie, the xiijth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Richard Hallowaie *, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *, Thomas Blower.

Att this daie the examinacion and eleccion of the three poore Maidservantes to cast the lottes this daie for the twentie nobles (parte of Mr. John Blagrave's guifte) was in this manner, in each parish one, accordinge to the will of the donor, vizt.

1. For St. Lawrence parish: Ellin Barlin, servant to Richard James eight yeares and a halfe.
2. For St. Marie's parish: Joane Phillippes, whoe cast the lottes the last yeare but mist.
3. For St. Giles' parish: Margery Greene, servant to Mrs. Anne Stampe five yeares.

And afterwardes the said three Maidservantes did cast the lottes, vizt.

Ellin Barlin	8.
Joane Phillippes	11.
Margery Greene	14, wan the lott *6li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Att this daie alsoe the tenantes brought x*li.* in a new lether purse accordinge to the direccions of Mr. John Blagrave's will, and it was by the said Mayor, Aldermen and Assistantes paid and distributed as the will directeth, vizt.

* Marked as absent.

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	li.	s.	d.
To the said Margery Greene, whoe did this daie win the lott	6	13	4
To the Preacher this daie . . .	0	10	0
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence parish, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Marie's parish, to give to 60 poore weomen 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
To the Wardens of St. Giles' parish, to give to 24 poore weomen 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	0
To the Junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence parish	0	03	4
To the Clerke and Sexton there . .	0	06	8
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	8
In all	10	00	0

Att this daie alsoe Edward Skinner and James Frances, two poore young men that had served their apprentishippes within this Borough with their Masters, and their termes expired since the deceasse of John Eyres, were chosen to have xl*s.* a-peice, parte of the guifte of the said John Eyres, according to the direccions of his deed. And the wholle 5*li.* due this yeare, according to the direccions of the said deed, was distributed in this manner, vizt.

	li.	s.	d.
To twentie poore housholders xij*d.* a-peice, vizt.			
7 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	0	07	0
7 in St. Giles' parish . . .	0	07	0
6 in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	06	0
To the afore-named Edward Skinner and James Frances	4	00	0
	5	00	0

[p. 65.] Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Willyam Brackston's guifte was this daie distributed as his will directeth, vizt.

	li.	s.	d.
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parish .	1	00	0
To threescore poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	1	00	0
To threescore poore weomen in St. Giles' parish .	1	00	0
To xx poore men, vizt. 7 in St. Lawrence parish, 7 in St. Marie's parish, and 6 in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
In all	4	00	0

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Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Willyam Legge's guift was this daie distributed as his will directeth, to xxiiij poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To eight in St. Lawrence parish . .	1	06	08
To eight in St. Marie's parish . . .	1	06	08
To eight in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	06	08
In all	4	00	00

Alsoe 3*li.* of Widowe Worsleye's guifte was this daie distributed as her will directeth to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 25 in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	05	0
To 25 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	05	0
To tenn in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	10	0
In all	3	00	0

Mundaie, the fifteenth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower.

Fee-farme rentes to be purchased. Resolved upon the question that the Company will purchase the Fee-farme rentes of this towne of Reading, which is nowe in the charge of the Company and for which they paie xxij*li.* per annum or thereaboutes: agreed that the Court-Leete or Lawe-daie and Sessions for the Peace within this Borough shall be holden on Wenesdaie next come senight.

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[p. 66.] Wenesdaie, the viij^th daie of May, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Samuell Jemmott.

Mr. Iremonger's house. Agreed that if the tennantes to Mr. Iremonger's house in Minster Streete shall forthwith paie the annuitie of xl*s*. nowe due and all arrerages thereof for the providing of wascoates for the poore of this Towne, accordinge to Mr. Iremonger's will, that then 1*li*. 6*s*. 8*d*. shall be abated them towardes their extraordinary sufferinges theise troublesome times.

John Browne. John Browne desired to have some estate in the house, parte of John Alarder's land, where he nowe lives, but nothing was done therein. The rent he nowe paies is xxxvj*s*. per annum.

[p. 66.] Mundaie, the thirteenth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Willyam Milles, Robert James, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower.

Fee-farme rent. Mr. Daniell Blagrave made knowne that the summe of money to be paid for the purchase of the Fee-farme rent of this Towne is 198*li*. to be paid in this manner, vizt. the one moyetie thereof upon the second daie of June next and th'other moyetie thereof xxx^tie daies after.

Mr. Blagrave. Alsoe Mr. Blagrave proffered to sell the Company landes of the yearely value of fiftie poundes lyeing neere

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Silchester. Agreed that itt shalbe speedilie taken into consideracion, but noe certen answer can be given till Parr's busines be concluded on; and Mr. Blagrave on Mundaie next shall have a positive aunswer.

[p. 67.] Wenesdaie, the two and twentith daie of Maye, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

Richard Alright, [Assistant].

The first payment for the purchase of the Fee-farme rent of this Towne being to be made on the second daie of June next, Mr. Peter Burningham is appointed to goe to London about the same and see the payment of the money accordingly.

Joseph Phillett. Complaint being made that Joseph Phillett did keepe a common alehouse or tipling-house and likewise a bowling-alley, and playeing att 9 pinns and disorderly courses in or neere his dwelling-house, the said Phillett was sent for and wished to keepe good orders there, and not to permitt poore men and servantes to spend their time and money in playeing and tipling there, otherwise his alehouse should be suddenly suppressed.

Keepers of the House of Correccion. Henry Tubb and William Woodes, keepers of the House of Correccion this daie brought *7li.* 10*s.* which they received att the last Quarter Sessions for Berk-sheire; whereof 1*s.* was allowed to them, and the other 5*li.* was comitted to the Chamberlen.

Mundaie, the xxvijth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

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This daie Widowe Martin was elected to supply the place of Widowe Holmes, deceassed, in one of Mr. Barnard Harrison's Almes-houses.

Mr. Bateman promised to provide 50*li.* and Mr. Mayor promised to provide 50*li.* (which they have in their handes, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money) to be paid att London the 2d of June next, towardes the purchase of the Fee-farme rentes, and if other moneyes can be receaved from William Knight, then the wholle purchase-money to be then paid.

Fridaie, the seaventh daie of June, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Robert James.

Mr. Walter Knight desired the Company to paie the residue of the quittrent for Knappe's land, whereof they have alreadie paid iiij*li.* and there remaines one parte of 5 to be paid. Agreed that the same be taken into consideracion, and Mr. Knight promised to forbeare distreyning for the said quittrent till the Company had spoaken with Knapp aboute the same.

[p. 68.] Quarter-daie, Fridaie, the one and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman*, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham*, Mr. Willyam Brackstone*, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. James Arnold*, Mr. Willyam Wylder*, Mr. John Webb*, Mr. Henry Fruin*.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave*, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber*, Richard Alright, Richard Birch*,

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Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, William Beisley, Richard Castle *, Thomas Blower *.

Schoolemaster. This daie Mr. Fowler desired that the Company would be pleased to allowe to the new Schoolemaster of the Freeschoole in Readinge the auntient gratuitie of x*li.* per annum, which was formerly allowed to Doctor Birde and Mr. Page: answered that the Hall is indebted and they cannot allowe any such gratuitie nowe.

Mr. Pocock. Alsoe complaint was made by the said Mr. Fowler that Mr. Pocock . . . . kept a Grammer Schoole in Readinge; whereupon the said Mr. Pocock was sent for and wished either to forbeare keepinge of such a Schoole or to repay the money that was collected for him in the Towne; to which the said Mr. Pocock aunswered that the Company should have his resolucion in that busines att their next meeting.

Sexton of St. Lawrence. Alsoe the said Mr. Fowler desired that some allowance mought be made to the Sexton of St. Lawrence Church for his service on the Lecture-daies: resolved that the said Sexton be permitted to collect of the severall inhabitantes of this Towne what itt is their pleasure to give him for the said service.

This daie the Company sealed and delivered the counterparte of the purchase-deed of the Fee-farme rent of this Towne.

Resolved that if Samuell Jemmott will give 3*li.* x*s.* per annum, he shall have a lease of the Barne in Sivyer Streete; whereunto the said Samuel Jemmott is to give his answer on Wenesdaie next.

Resolved that if the parties, that owe the money received of Mr. Whitlock, doe not paie the same by Mundaie next, that then proces shalbe taken against them this terme.

Mr. Brice. Mr. Mayor this daie acquainted the Company that Mr. Brice had referred himselfe to stand to his judgment in deciding the controversie betweene the Company and him, and desired to knowe the pleasure of the Company therein; whoe did likewise referr the busines to him to doe therein as he shall thinke convenient.

Thomas Cooper, a forreynor. Complaint was made by divers Barbors, freemen of this Towne, against one Cooper, a forreynor, for using the trade of a Barbor here; agreed that in the first place the

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said Cooper shalbe committed to the Counter till he give securitie for the discharge of the parish; and if he persist in keepinge a Barbor's shoppe, a further course shalbe taken to suppresse him.

Some discourse was had about Mrs. Jeninges' busines, but nothinge was concluded on, because Mr. Thomas Thackham was not present.

Agreed that the tennantes of Mr. Blagrave's land shalbe first spoaken with before any course in lawe be taken against them.

Mr. Burningham's bills of charges were allowed and he promised to satisfie Mr. Hamblen his charges, which is included in the said billes.

[p. 69.] Wenesdaie, the sixe and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Samuell Jemmott, [Assistant.]

This daie Mr. Pocock delivered his aunswer concerninge the busines formerly proposed to him, vizt. that he was resolved to keepe a Grammer Schoole in this Towne, for he knew noe lawe to contradict itt.

Some communicacion was this daie had touching some allowance to be made to Countrie Ministers, for preachinge the Tuesdaie's lecture in this Towne, but nothing thereon was resolved.

Whereas there is 16*li.* or thereaboutes due from Mrs. Jenninges to the Hall for rent, itt is resolved that shee shalbe allowed 7*li.* thereof in full of a debt due to her from the Hall since the time Mr. Thomas Thackham was Mayor, and alsoe xl*s.* in regard of extraordinary taxacions and sufferinges theis times by holding the stables out of which the said rent is yssueinge: the residue of the rent shee is to paie to the Chamberlen.

Samuell Jemmott this daie resigned his interest to the Barne in Sivier Streete.

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Mundaie, the first daie of July, anno Domini 1650.

The busines this daie, concerninge the tender of the money for the redempcion of the landes mortgaged by Willyam Parr to Richard Jeyes, appeares in a noate upon the file of this yeare.

Wenesdaie, the third daie of July, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. James Arnold.

This daie Edward Browne proffered to take a lease of the Barne in Sivier's Streete att the rent of 3*li*. 5*s*. per annum, but was answered that att 3*li*. 10*s*. per annum he shall have a lease thereof; time till the evening given him to returne his answer to Mr. Burningham whether he will give 3*li*. 10*s*. or noe.

Tuesdaie, the sixeteenth daie of July, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, William Beisley.

Mr. Christofer Packe's letter was this daie read and itt is agreed that James Winch, senior, shalbe spoaken with in the afternoone, and then an answer shalbe sent unto Mr. Pack; which was accordingly done, a coppie of which answer appeares on the file.

Resolved upon the question that Edward Browne, baker, shall have a lease of the Barne in Sivier Streete for 21 yeares att the rent of iij*li*. x*s*. per annum.

Parte of the English Charter was this daie read and some debate had thereon.

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[p. 70.] Wenesdaie, the seaventeenth daie of July, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

This daie a warrant was signed by Mr. Mayor, authorizing the Serjeantes to take all lawfull courses for the recovery of the quitt-rentes, &c.

Communicacion was this daie had concerninge the procuringe the liberties granted by the Charter to this Towne to be confirmed by Act of Parliament, and Mr. Steward was desired to use his endeavour to procure the same to be done accordingly.

Agreed that Richard Goddard, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money upon good securitie to be employed in Mr. Kendricke's house accordinge to his will.

Wenesdaie, the xxxj[th] daie of July, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that a writt shalbe sent for to arrest Hurley and Haines.

Agreed that a lettre shalbe sent to Mr. Sexton of Alesbury concerning Doctor Swaddon's guifte, to knowe what hath byn done therein since the Feoffees of this Towne were att Alesbury; which lettre was accordingly written and sent, a coppie whereof appeares upon the file.

Mr. Wylmer was this daie appointed to newe ingrosse the assurance of the Fee-farme rentes.

Complaint was this daie made against the Surveyors for not executing their office in mending the highwaies; referred for

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a course to be taken therein att the next Sessions, which are to be holden for this Borough on to-morrowe fortnight.

Mr. George Thorne, junior, promised for the time to come to paie unto the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses xl*s*. per annum of the guifte of Mr. Martin, yssueing out of certen tenementes in Readinge, to be by them disposed unto the poore of this Towne, accordinge to the will of the donor.

Mundaie, the xix^th^ daie of August, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Thomas Cope, Richard Birch, William Belchamber, Samuell Jemmott, Thomas Blower.

This daie Mr. Fowler desired that there mought be an allowance of iij*s*. per weeke for the dinner of the Minister that shall preach the Tuesdaie's lecture in this Towne, and he acquainted the Company that Mr. Brice, Mr. Wooldridg and Mr. Bateman, and the three Ministers of this Towne, would performe the said lecture; whereupon itt is ordered that Mr. Mayor shall appointe three of the inhabitantes of this Towne, vizt. one in each parish to repaire to the most substantiall Townes-men (excepting the Company) to know what they will contribute quarterly to the said charge, and what shall be wantinge the Company of themselves will supplye.

[p. 71.] Eleccion-daie, Mundaie, the sixe and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone*, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard

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Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. James Arnold, Mr. Willyam Wylder *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Richard Castle *, Thomas Blower.

Att this daie the Mayor and Aldermen by direccion of their Charter did name three of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this present daie (being the last Mundaie in August) in their Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those three Aldermen (soe named) by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present this daie should be elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next ensueinge, as in and by their Charter itt is required, vizt.

1. Mr. James Arnold IIIIIIIIII [10], IIIIIIIII [9], elected Mayor.
2. Mr. Willyam Wylder.
3. Mr. John Webb.

Att this daie alsoe the Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare, as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Willyam Milles IIIIIIIIII [10].
Richard Alright IIIIIIIIII [10].

Richard Castle. Resolved upon the question that Richard Castle, in regard of his residence out of this Borough and his neglect of attendance att the meetinges of the Company att Hall, shalbe removed from beinge an Assistant any longer. Alsoe resolved upon the question that the said Richard Castle shalbe and hereby he is fined the summe of five poundes for such his neglect.

This daie Willyam Oades, clothier, was chosen an Assistant to the Company in the place and steed of the said Richard Castle.

Forasmuch as this Company is informed that some of themselves contrary to their oath have divulged some transaccions of the Hall to the prejudice of this Corporacion, itt is therefore hereby ordered and unanimously concluded that if any persone or persones of

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the Company shall att any time hereafter divulge or reveale any such transaccions that shalbe adjudged by the major parte of the Company to be prejudiciall as aforesaid, that then such persone or persones soe doeinge shall for every defaulte forfeite and paie to the use of the poore of this Borough the summe of tenn shillinges to be disposed of by the Mayor for the time beinge.

[p. 72.] Mundaie, the second daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Att this daie Mr. John Harrison brought in James Winch and Mr. Packe's bond for the payment of 150*li.*, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money, and he acquainted the Company that he had 150*li.* in his handes, which he receaved of Mr. Pack and would paie the same when the Company would require itt.

The Company present are contented to accept of Richard Mann's bond for payment of the rent and arrerages thereof due by Edward Shipwaye, the bond to be due sometime within halfe a yeare next after the date hereof.

Agreed that consideracion shalbe had touchinge the writt brought to Mr. Mayor by the High Sheriffe of Berksheire requiring and comandinge a certificate to be made into the Exchequer of all the recognizances, fines, &c. within this Towne since the first yeare of the late Kinge.

Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor*. Mr. James Arnold, *elect*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Henry Tubb and Willyam Woodes, keepers of the House of Correccion, brought seaven poundes which they receaved att the

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last Quarter Sessions (for this Countie) for the House of Correccion, and they were allowed iij*li.* out of the same vij*li.*

Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the twentith daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. James Arnold, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *.

Agreed that a letter be written unto Mr. Handes to desire him to give the Company a meetinge that some conclusion may be made about Doctor Palmer's guifte.

[p. 73.] Att this daie Willyam Oades, clothier, formerly elected to be one of the Assistantes of this Borough, did take oath to execute the said office accordingly.

Willyam Stanton's lease of the tenemente now in his occupacion was sealed.

Alsoe Robert Welbecke's lease of the tenemente, late in the occupacion of Widowe Chandler, was sealed, and the said Robert Welbeck promised to seale the counterparte thereof... att Mr. Willmer's the next weeke.

Alsoe Mr. Thomas Harrison's lease of the plott of grounde of his father's guifte lyeinge in Henwick was this daie sealed.

Alsoe Edward Browne's lease of the Barne in Sivyer Streete was sealed.

Peter Clerke desired that 80*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money mought be lent (gratis) to Richard Goddard, clothier, upon which termes the said Richard Goddard would keepe the said Peter Clerke in worke; and the said Peter Clerke was answered that the

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Company will not lend any money to the said Richard Goddard because he hath alreadie xxv*li.* of Sir Thomas White's money.

Mr. James Arnold this daie desired that he mought bee allowed the tolle of the Markett the next yeare for his fee as Mayor, according as the last three Mayors have had the same; whereupon itt was put to the question and resolved that the said Mr. James Arnold, Mayor elect, shall have the tolle of the Markett for his fee as Mayor the next yeare by theise number of voices, vizt. IIIIIIIIIII [xi].

Resolved upon the question that the Tuesdaie's lecture for the yeare ensueing be kept att St. Lawrence Church by theise number of voices, vizt. IIIIIIIII [ix].

Mundaie, the three and twentith daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, William Oades.

Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, is appointed to goe to Whitchurch and to take order for the recovery of the rent and arrerages thereof, payable out of the house nowe or late in the holdinge of Widowe Harwood.

Agreed that a distresse be made by the Chamberlens and Serjeantes, with the assistance of the Constables, upon the houses late Mr. Joseph Carter's, for the annuitie and arrerages thereof yssueing out of the said houses for the use of the poore.

[p. 74.] Wenesdaie, the five and twentith daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Willyam Beisley.

John Baker desired to have a lease of the plott of grounde neere Sivyer Streete, late in Yorke's occupacion: referred till a fuller meetinge of the Company.

Mr. Edward Hamblen desired the Company present to satisfie Mrs. Stampe 1*li.* 5*s.* and Mrs. Baker 5*s.*, which they expended in lawe, beside his charges: referred till another time.

Agreed by consent of all the Company present but Mr. Richard Hollowaie, that Robert Smith, sonne of Robert Smith, deceassed, shalbe bounde apprentice unto Willyam Cowdrie, cordweyner; and that the said Willyam Cowdrie shall have v*li.* of John Johnson's money, now in Mr. Wylmer's handes, with his apprentice, untill such time as he shall have the benefitt of the Bishoppe's guifte, which is x*li.*, or soe much as the proporcion comes to, (whiche is to place apprentices the next yeare); and when the said William Coudrie hath the same he shall repaie the said five poundes; and all the Company present but the said Mr. Richard Hallowaie have promised when time serves to give their votes for the same. The youth is to be bound for 8 yeares and to have xxx*s.* att the end of the terme.

4° die Octobris, 1650. I the aforesaid William Cowdrie received of Edward Wylmer, th'elder, according to the said agreament, the said summe of five poundes of John Johnson's money with my apprentice Robert Smith, whoe is now bounde unto me by indenture. Willyam ⋀⋀ Cowdrie his marke.

Mundaie, the thirtith daie of September, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. James Arnold, *elect;* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Thomas Bateman, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert

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James*, Joell Steevens*, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades.

Agreed that Willyam Milles, the Chamberlen, shall deliver unto Mr. Daniell Blagrave thirtye shillinges, to paie the Ringers for their paines in ringinge the bells that daie the newes of the prosperous successe of the Armye in Scotland was brought to this Towne.

Whereas all the Aldermen have byn often warned to come to the Court on Wenesdaies, when as the Mayor and two other Aldermen mought dispatch the busines there without any further trouble, itt is therefore ordered and agreed that for the time to come the Serjeantes shall warne but two Aldermen every Wenesdaie to give their attendance att the Court with Mr. Mayor, beginninge the first weeke with the two eldest Aldermen, the 2d weeke with the 2 next Aldermen, and soe successively by turnes 2 every weeke, untill all the Aldermen have served, and then to begin againe.

[p. 75.] This daie itt is ordered and agreed that from henceforth the Aldermen, as often as they shall come to the Church on Sabboath-daies, and the Aldermen and Assistantes, as often as they come to Hall to any solemne meetinges on Quarter-daies, Eleccion-daies, Oath-daies and Court-daies, shall come decently apparrelled in their gownes.

And itt is further ordered and agreed that if any Alderman or Assistant shall from henceforth make any defaulte in the premisses, that then every such persone or persones soe failinge shall forfeit for every defaulte two shillinges and sixe pence.

This daie Mr. James Arnold, the nowe elected Mayor, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes above-named, by direccions of the Charter and the Act of Parliament in that behalfe, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Mayor, Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough and the liberties thereof.

And then alsoe the said Mr. Peter Thorne, the precedent Mayor, did take his oath to execute the office of a Justice of Peace within the said Borough and the liberties thereof duringe one wholle yeare next ensueinge.

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And then alsoe the said Mayor, by and with the consent of the Aldermen his Bretheren, did agree that the two old Chamberlens, vizt. Mr. Willyam Milles and Mr. Richard Alright, being formerly sworne, should continue to execute the office of Chamberlens of this Borough for the next yeare.

This daie alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for the next yeare, vizt.

Willyam Belchamber, sen. Willyam Knight Richard Underwood	Constables, jurati.
Francis Tossell Robert Pigeon John Thorne Andrew Binfeild	Gardiani Alte Warde, jurati.
John Blake Aaron Willis	Gardiani London Warde, jurati.
Willyam Belchamber, jun. Edward Underwood	Gardiani Veteris Warde, jurati.
Thomas Merriott Henry Knight	Gardiani Nove Warde, jurati.
John Lipscombe Thomas Creed	Gardiani Minster Warde, jurati.

[p. 76.] Wenesdaie, the second daie of October, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Att this daie the Court-Leete and Lawe-daie for the Borough was holden.

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Nomina Juratorum, vizt.

Roger Steevens, primus	jurati.	Solomon Barnard, jun.	jurati.
Richard Stampe		Thomas Hulbert	
Robert Smart		Willyam Plumridge	
Henry Head		John Winch	
Thomas Ward		Joseph Cleere	
John Miles, jun.		George Cole	
Joseph Stockwell		Thomas Wylder	
John Remnant		John Redford, sen.	
		Willyam Dey.	

Roger Steevens
Robert Smart
Richard Stampe
Henry Head } assignati Affierers, et jurati.

Thomas Richardes
Anthony Slarke } Searchers and Sealers of Leather.

John Wylder, jun.
Solomon Barnard, jun. } Fishtasters.

Richard James
Robert Woodiers } Fleshtasters.

John Jerome
Richard Reddatt } Heywardes.

Att this daie itt is ordered by the Court by and with the consent of all the Jury that if any persone or persones of the Jury, upon reasonable summons, shall not attend the foreman of the Jury for the execucion of their office, that then every such persone or persons soe makinge defaulte shall forfeit ij*s.* for every defaulte.

Mundaie, the 7th daie of October, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Belchamber, Richard Birch, Samuell Jemmott.

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This daie the sixe Maid-servantes were elected and chosen to have their proporcionable partes of the Archbishopp of Canterbury his guifte for their preferment in mariage, vizt.

Alice Hancock, Alice Hodges,
Joane Bartholmew, Sarah Illsley, } for the towne of Readinge.
Mary Chapman . .

Anne Bromelye, for the towne of Wokingham.

Att this daie itt was agreed that John Baker shall have a lease of the plott of grounde late in the holdinge of Thomas Willyams for 21 years att x*s*. rent per annum.

Agreed that the former order concerninge the Companie's wearing of gownes shalbe continued.

[p. 77.] Wenesdaie, the ninth daie of October, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Peter Thorne.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

Thomas Creed did this daie take oath to execute the office of one of the Wardens within this Borough.

Edward Bedward and John Mounsfeild, two forreynors using the trade of last-makers within this Towne, did promise to departe the Towne within 2 daies next followeinge.

Peter Clerke desired againe that 80*li*. of Mr. Kendricke's money mought be lent to Richard Goddard: referred till February next that Walter Fellowe paies in the 80*li*. then due from him.

Thomas Cope and Richard Underwood, Affierers, brought in and affiered the amerciamentes of the last Jury for the Law-daie, which amerciamentes are to be forthwith estreated.

Fridaie, the eighteenth daie of October, anno Domini 1650.

Present, att Mr. Maior's house.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Resolved upon the question and agreed that if Robert Westmerland doe, att or before Tuesdaie night next, paie unto the Chamberlens xxiij*li.* for his rent and arrerages thereof till Michaellmas last, then the suite betweene the Company and him shall ceasse, but if he shall not paie the same accordingly, then the execucion to be served upon him for the wholle rent and arrerages thereof.

Memorandum, Mr. Walter Knight is to have iij*li.* for charges in lawe in this suite.

Mundaie, xxviij° die Octobris, anno Domini 1650.

Present, att Mr. Maior's house.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Consideracion was had concerninge the peticion of divers of the Inhabitantes of this Towne to the Councell of State; ordered that a letter be sent to Mr. Daniell Blagrave to take some course aboute the same.

A coppie of which lettre and peticion is upon the file of this yeare.

[p. 78.] Wenesdaie, the thirtith daie of October, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright.

Agreed that Mr. Christopher Turnor's assignees shall have a licence to assigne and sett over unto John Deane, gent., the lease, estate and terme of yeares to come, they have in the house in Castle Streete, late in the occupacion of the said Christopher Turnor.

Richard Greenwaie, clothier, was appointed to paie the 25*li.*

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of Sir Thomas White's money he hath in his handes by Satterdaie next, otherwise a writt shalbe sent for to arrest him and his securitie.

James Stanton, taylor, being a forreynor, was warned to bring in securitie speedilie for the discharg of the parish.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shalbe sent unto to prosecute the suite against Christopher Lyford.

Agreed that Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, shall paie unto Mr. Knight xx*s.* due for quittrent for Knappe's land.

Agreed that 2 writtes shalbe sent for to arrest Ralph Bowles, junior, [*blank*] Hughes, Thomas Simons, William Stanton, Henry Hurley, John Haines, Richard Greenwaie and William Milles.

Mundaie, the fourth daie of November, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Samuell Jemott.

This daie itt was ordered and agreed that William Milles, the Chamberlen, shall paie unto Mr. George Wooldridge and Mr. John Webb xx*li.* of the Bishoppe's money, accordinge to their order, from the Committee of Plundered Ministers.

Wenesdaie, the sixth daie of November, 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Harrison.

This daie Richard Coale, a forreyner, using the trade of a taylor in this Towne, was warned to leave using his trade here and to departe the Towne, by Satterdaie next come senight, otherwise a strict course shalbe taken to extrude him.

The said Coale confessed that he had served as an apprentice but 5 yeares att the trade of a taylor, and he promised to departe the Towne by the time appointed.

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[p. 79.] Wenesdaie, the thirteenth daie of November, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb.

Robert Creed acquainted Mr. Mayor that there were 2 strey beastes in his groundes, which he had caused to be cried in this Towne and noe-bodie would owne them.

Henry Tubb and Willyam Wooddes, keepers of the House of Correccion, this daie brought *7li.* 10*s.* which they receaved att the last Quarter Sessions for Berksheire for the said House; of which money 3*li.* was delivered unto them for their wages for one quarter of a yeare, and the residue was delivered to the Chamberlen.

Agreed that [*blank*] be paid unto Richard Paine in parte for paintinge the Armes belonging to the Towne.

Wenesdaie, the twentith daie of November, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

The peticion of Thomas Simmons, carpenter, was aunswered as appeares under the peticion upon the file.

Upon John Haines' promise to departe and leave the possession of that parte of Mr. Kendricke's house he now liveth in, by St. Thomas'-daie, itt is agreed that the suite betweene the Company and him shall ceasse.

Agreed that a lettre be speedilie written to Willyam Parr, John Parr, Reignold Brooke and Walter Fellowe, to wish them either speedilie to make assurance to the Company of the landes formerly agreed, or to paie in the 50*li.* they stand bound for to the Company.

The Company doe not like of the bargaine of land Mr. Clerke would sell them and therefore will not meddle with itt.

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Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of December, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Henry Shipwaie was wished speedilie to forbeare annoyeinge the Markett-place with his cartes and dunge, which he promised forthwith to doe.

Mr. Peter Burningham delivered to Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, *6li.* odd money, which he received of Christofer Lyford in parte of his rent.

This daie consideracion was had touchinge the desire of Mr. Edward Ellis, of Swallowfeild, to have delivered unto him the lease of the Parsonages of Shiningfeild and Swallowfeild, (formerly left in trust with the Corporacion of Readinge by Mrs. Noyse in the behalfe of her elder sonne and the said Mr. Ellis, to be kept indifferently betweene them,) that the said Mr. Ellis mought shewe the said lease to the Commissioners that had required the sight thereof; and thereupon itt was agreed that the great Chest should be opened and the boxe, wherein the said lease was, should be taken forth and opened and the lease delivered to the said Mr. Edward Ellis; which upon sight of a lettre from Mr. John Ellis, of Oxford, to that purpose, and a bond entred into by the said Edward Ellis for the delivery of the said lease againe unto the Company by the first of February next, was accordingly done.

[p. 80.] Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of December, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb.

This daie the difference betweene Goodie Speed and her servant was reconsiled.

This daie divers Taylors, freemen and inhabitantes of this Borough, informed that one Staunton, a forreynor, hath used the

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trade of a taylor within this Towne meerely for himselfe and not as a servant to any master; agreed that this busines shalbe further questioned next Quarter-daie, against which tyme the said Taylors are appointed to finde out the wittnesses of what worke hath byn done by Staunton.

Wenesdaie, the eighteenth daie of December, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright.

This daie Mr. Walter Knight brought in the newe deed of the Fee-farme rentes of this Towne.

Francis Browne and Willyam Speed being amerced xx*s*. a-peice, for servinge unlicensed alehouses with beere, they desired that their amerciamentes mought be taken of; agreed that the said Francis Browne and Willyam Speed shall paie but x*s*. a-peice for their amerciamentes, which xx*s*. shalbe paid unto the said Francis Browne in liewe of xx*s*. oweinge to him by the Hall.

Agreed that Mundaie next shalbe Quarterdaie.

Quarterdaie, Mundaie, the xxiijth daie of December, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades *.

Mr. Ellis. This daie Mr. Edward Ellis delivered unto the Company the lease of the Parsonages of Shinfeild and Swallowfeild, which he lately had from them to shewe the same to the Commissioners; which lease was laid into the great Chest and by consent of the Company the said Mr. Edward Ellis his bond (by him entred into for the indempnitie of the Company against all persons for the delivery of the lease unto him as before is mencioned) was given unto the said Mr. Ellis to be cancelled.

Leases sealed. John Baker and Willyam Norcott their leases were this daie sealed.

[p. 81.] Taylors' peticion. This daie divers Taylors, freemen of this Borough, presented a peticion expressing their greivances by reason of forreynors using trades in this Towne, and desiringe a redresse thereof; which peticion was answered that if the peticioners will certifie the names of such forreynors and then, if they may be removed, a course shalbe taken to remove them.

Henry Benwell. Henry Benwell this daie desired an allowance from the Company for lookinge to the Coppices att Grimer Hill; referred till some of the Company have viewed the Coppices and then, if he deserve any-thing, he shalbe allowed for itt; and the said Henry Benwell was required to bringe in his old lease.

Phillip Smith. Phillip Smith's peticion was answered that the peticioner must take his course in lawe against the parties that greive him.

Thomas Filpe. Thomas Filpe's peticion was answered as appeares under the foote of the peticion upon the file of this yeare.

Mr. Thomas Thackham. Whereas by an order of the 6th of March, 1648, itt appeares that Mr. Thomas Thackham was to have fowerscore poundes of Mr. Tanfeild Vachell's arrerages of rent, which fowerscore poundes was due att Ladie-daie followeinge, whereof the said Mr. Thomas Thackham hath onely receaved fortie poundes, and Mr. Vachell pretendes that fowerscore poundes was not then due, itt is nowe therefore ordered and agreed that all the Chamberlens for 7 or 8 yeares past shall meete together and state

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Mr. Vachell's accomptes, and the residue over and above the said fortie poundes shalbe paid to the said Mr. Thackham; and whereas the said Mr. Thackham hath receaved of the said Mr. Vachell xxx*li.* of rent due at and since Ladie-daie, 1649, itt is alsoe ordered and agreed that the said Mr. Thackham shall have the said xxx*li.* in parte of the money due unto him upon his accompt to the Hall this daie delivered.

Guiftes distributed. Mr. Edward Kemishe's guifte of iiij*li.* was this daie distributed, according to his will, to 24 poore housholders of this Corporacion, iij*s.* iiij*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

To 8 in Lawrence parish.
To 7 in Marie's parish.
To 9 in Giles' parish.

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guifte to x poore men viij*s.* a-peice was distributed:

To 3 in Giles' parish.
To 3 in Marie's parish.
To 4 in Lawrence parish.

Alsoe tenn shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guift were distributed to x poore people, viz[t].

To 3 in Lawrence parish.
To 3 in Marie's parish.
To 4 in Giles' parish.

Alsoe tenn wascoates of Mr. William Iremonger's guifte were distributed to x poore people, viz[t].

To 3 in Lawrence parish.
To 4 in Marie's parish.
To 3 in Giles' parish.

A Marshall chosen. This daie itt was thought fitt and necessary that there should be a Marshall in this Towne to informe of strangers and forreynors that att any time come to trade in this Towne, and to certifie of all unlicensed or evill ordered alehouses, and to apprehend and leade baggars and wandringe people out of Towne, and to performe all other matters and thinges to the office of Marshall perteyninge; and itt was ordered and agreed that Richard Reddatt, the Bellman, duringe the pleasure of the Company, shall execute the said office and shalbe allowed quarterly for his paines the summe of twentie shillinges.

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John Bartlett. John Bartlett, the junior Serjeant, was this daie required to give securitie for the discharge of the Company against all escapes, &c.

Elizabeth Hewer, a stranger, for misdemeanor was committed to the House of Correccion.

[p. 82.] Wenesdaie, the eighth daie of January, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Mr. Willyam Creed shall have a licence to assigne over the lease and estate he holdeth of the Company to such persone or persones as he shall nominate and the Company approve of.

Wenesdaie, the nine and twentith daie of January, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Agreed that a writt shalbe forthwith sent for against Mr. Thomas Harrison, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. John Dewell and Richard Cranedge for the rentes they owe unto the Company.

Forreynors. This daie Nicholas Allnutt, taylor, a forreynor, using the trade of a master taylor in this Towne, was warned to departe the Towne within this fortnight, otherwise a course shalbe taken to extrude him.

Alsoe this daie one Staunton, a forreynor, was warned not to doe any taylor's worke in this Towne, otherwise then as a journeyman.

Alsoe Edward Bentford, a forreynor, was warned not to worke otherwise in this Towne then as a journeyman.

Alsoe Richard Eyres, a forreynor, was warned to forbeare retaylinge of tanners' cruttes in this Towne.

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Wenesdaie, the fifth daie of February, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Mr. Mayor (having receaved a warrant from the Commissioners of the Militia of this Countie of Berkes for the assessinge and collecting of 56*li.* 5*s.* within this Borough for the furnishing drumms, colours, trophies, ammunicion and other emergencies for the safetie of this Countie,) did signe a warrant directed to Clement Marlowe, Thomas Goade, William Brackston, Francis Lewenden, Hugh Smith and Willyam Ambrose for the assessing of the said 56*li.* 5*s.* within this Borough.

This daie Richard Alright, one of the Assistantes, having byn the junior Chamberlen to this Corporacion by the space of 2 yeares, vizt. from Michaellmas 1648 to Michaellmas 1650, did give upp his accomptes of all the moneyes for Charitable uses, which he receaved and disbursed in the said 2 yeares, which accompt was allowed of by the Company.

Resolved upon the question that Thomas Hewes and John Curtis, the sureties of Ralph Bowles for the payment of 50*li.*, shall have time till Ladie-daie next for the payment of the said money upon a new bond from them: and the said Thomas Hewes and John Curtis did give bond for the payment of the said 50*li.* accordingly, and did promise to paie all the charges in suite upon sight of Mr. Knighte's bill.

This daie Edward Wylmer by the appointment of the Company did write a lettre to Mr. Walter Knight to procure Mr. William Brackston to be arrested in London with a Cittie accion at their suite.

Richard Cranedg this daie paid in 5*li.*, parte of his rent arreare, and time was given him till Ladie-daie next for the payment of the residue and in the meane time the suite to be staied.

[p. 83.] Wenesdaie, the twelveth daie of February, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John

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Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie the keepers of the House of Correccion brought *7li.* 10*s.*, which they receaved att the last Sessions for the Countie of Berkes, 3*li.* whereof was delivered unto them for their paines and the other *4li.* 10*s.* was delivered to the Chamberlen.

Agreed that Willyam Milles, the Chamberlen, shall provide for the enterteynement of the Judges, as followeth, vizt.

One gallon and a halfe of Sack.
Three barrells of Beere.
One Sugar loafe of 6*li.*
One quarter of Oates.
And for the Clerke of the Assizes one quarter of Oates.

The Judges' lodginge to be att Mr. Thomas Thackham's house.
The Clerke of the Assizes at Richard Saunders' house.
Mr. Babbington att Mr. Wooldridge's house.

Thirsdaie, the thirteenth daie of February, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hallowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb.

Agreed that the Chamberlen shall provide towardes the enterteynement of the Judges one kilderkin of Ale more then was formerly agreed on.

Wenesdaie, the nineteenth daie of February, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackston, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Widowe Smee desired to have a roome in Mr. Kendricke's workehouse, but nothinge was done therein.

Further consideracion to be had touchinge Mr. John Dewell's

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arrerages of rent for the Stables att old Yeldhall, whether anything shalbe abated him or noe.

Wenesdaie, the twelveth daie of March, anno Domini 1650.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Henry Dawson, taylor, shall have 5*li.* of Richard Johnson's money with his apprentice, Thomas Dawson, (he givinge securitie for repayment thereof att th'end of the apprentiship.)

Mr. Walter Knight made knowne that he had received all the charges in the suite against Edward Andrewes, &c.: ordered that Edward Andrewes' bonds for the payment of 50*li.* be delivered to him, the money being alreadie paid.

This daie William Page by mediacion of the Company was contented to receave his apprentice, William Stroude, into his service againe, which accordingly he did and had him to his owne house.

[p. 84.] Quarterdaie, Mundaie, the fower and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1650.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Allen. The Company are of opinion that the money, which Allen, the mealeman, had aboute him when he was drowned, is not forfeited, and therefore itt is agreed that the said money, being

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in Mr. Mayor's handes, shalbe delivered unto the admynistrator of the said Allen, as soone as the administracion is taken.

Nicholas Allnutt. Nicholas Alnutt, taylor, a forreyner, forbidden to use the trade of a taylor in this Towne.

Harvye. Alsoe one [*blank*] Harvye, a forreyner, forbidden to use the trade of a taylor in this Towne, otherwise then as a journeyman.

Edward London. Edward London desired the Company to grante him a new lease of those partes of John Alarder's landes (he now holdeth) att the old rent; answered that when he hath repaired the houses tenantlike and paid his arrerages of rent, his desire shalbe taken into consideracion.

Widow Haslett. Widowe Haslett this daie requested licence from the Company to sell the lease of a tenement in Old Ward to one James Fowler, a forreyner: referred to the Overseers of St. Giles' parish to present whether the admitting of the said James Fowler to inhabite in the said parish wilbe prejudiciall, and then her request shalbe taken into consideracion.

Mary Burnham. Mary Burnham's peticion was answered that the Company cannott abate any of the 5*li.* of Mr. Johnson's apprentice money which was lent to her husband with his apprentice.

John Smith. John Smith is appointed to attend Mr. Mayor for some present releife out of the Charitable uses.

Joseph Cleere. Joseph Cleere was wished to take John Grantum to be his apprentice, and when time serves he shalbe taken into consideracion for one of the Bishoppe's x*li.* with the said apprentice.

Richard Fellowe. This daie itt is ordered and agreed that Richard Fellowe shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money for 3 yeares, upon good securitie, when the 80*li.* oweinge by his brother, Walter Fellowe, is paid in. Memorandum, the said 50*li.* was paid in by Edward Andrewes.

Mr. Wooldridge. Ordered that Mr. George Wooldridge shalbe paid the residue of his fee unpaid out of Mr. Vachell's rent for Pottman Brooke groundes, when Mr. Thomas Thackham hath receaved the money that is alreadie ordered to be paid unto him out of the said rent.

Mr. Clerke's landes. Mr. Wylder, Mr. Jemmott, Mr. Steevens and Nicholas Lanfeare are appointed to viewe Mr. Clerke's landes which he offereth to sale, and to make reporte thereof to the Company.

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Mr. John Dewell. Upon consideracion of Mr. John Dewell's request to have some of the arrerages of his rent abated him, agreed that, if he will surrender his lease, xl*s.* of his arreares shalbe abated him, otherwise none.

A lettre to be written to William Parr, &c. concerning the 50*li.* they owe, &c. Vide le file.

[p. 85.] Wenesdaie, the sixe and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

Agreed that the Chamberlaine shall paie unto Mr. Thomas Thackham v*li.* v*s.* for the enterteynement of the Judges att his house the late Assizes.

Alsoe agreed that proces shall be sent for against Mr. Willyam Brackstone, George Lowgrove and Henry Hurlye.

Good Fridaie, the eight and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne *, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades *.

* Marked as absent.

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Att this daie the examinacion and eleccion of the 3 poore Maidservantes to cast lottes this daie for the twentie nobles (parte of Mr. John Blagrave's guifte) was in this manner, in each parish one, according to the will of the donor, vizt.

1. For St. Marie's parish, Joane Phillippes, whoe cast lottes the last two yeares, but mist.
2. For St. Lawrence parish, Ellin Barlin, whoe cast lottes the last yeare, but mist.
3. For St. Giles' parish, Elizabeth Pocock, servant to Willyam Castle five yeares and better.

And afterwardes the said 3 Maidservantes did cast the lottes, vizt.

			li.	*s.*	*d.*
Joane Phillippes	13,	wan the lott,	6	13	4
Ellin Barlin	12.				
Elizabeth Pocock	8.				

Memorandum, the tennantes of Mr. Blagrave's land did not bring the x*li.* and purse this present daie, according to the direccions of Mr. Blagrave's will; and therefore itt is agreed that course shalbe taken for the recovery thereof. And in the meane time Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, upon the request of the Company did disburse x*li.*, which was distributed this daie according to the said will; and the said x*li.* is to be repaid unto the said Richard Alright when itt is recovered.

[p. 86.] The distribucion of the said sume of tenn poundes was as followeth, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Joane Phillippes, whoe did this daie win the lott	06	13	04
To the Preacher this daie . . .	0	10	00
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence parish, to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Marie's parish, to give to 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Giles' parish, to give to 24 poore weomen, 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	00
To the Junior Churchwarden of St. Lawrence parish	0	03	04
To the Clerke and Sexton there . .	0	06	08
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	08
In all	10	00	00

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Att this daie alsoe Peter Hether and Thomas Maskall, two poore younge men that had served their apprentishippes within this Borough with their masters, and their termes expired since the deceasse of the said John Eyres, were chosen to have xl*s.* a-peice of the guifte of the said John Eyres, according to the direccions of his deed.

And the wholle 5*li.* of the guift of the said John Eyres was according to his deed distributed in this manner, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Peter Hether . . .	2	00	0
To the said Thomas Mascall . . .	2	00	0
To 7 poore laboring men in St. Lawrence parish, xij*d.* a-peice	0	07	0
To 7 poore laboring men in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice	0	07	0
To 6 poore laboringe men in St. Marie's parish, xij*d.* a-peice	0	06	0
In all	5	00	0

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Willyam Brackston's guift was this daie distributed as his will directeth, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 60 poore weomen in St. Lawrence parish .	1	00	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	1	00	0
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	1	00	0
To twentie poore men, viz[t]. 7 in St. Lawrence parish, 7 in St. Marie's parish and 6 in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	0
In all	4	00	0

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Willyam Legge's guifte was this daie distributed as his will directeth to 24 poore Housholders, iij*s.* iiij*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To eight in St. Lawrence parish . .	1	06	8
To eight in St. Marie's parish . . .	1	06	8
To eight in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	06	8
In all	4	00	0

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Alsoe iij*li.* of Widowe Worsleye's guifte was this daie distributed as her will directeth, to three score poore Widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To xxv in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	05	0
To xxv in St. Lawrence parish . .	1	05	0
To tenn in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	10	0
In all	3	00	0

[p. 87.] Wenesdaie, the sixeteenth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Mr. Mayor signed a bill for the Chamberlaine to paie unto Mr. Walter Knight xj*li.* xiij*s.* v*d.* for charges in divers suites of lawe in the behalfe of the Company.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall take forth a writt against Widowe Newbery, [*blank*] Younge and Anne Baker, widowe, for certen debtes they owe the Halle.

Wenesdaie, the three and twentith daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Clement Marlowe, Richard Stampe, and Willyam Castle were chosen and appointed to assist the Constables of this Borough in the assessing of a taxe upon this Towne towardes the charge of quartering of Soldiers since the said Constables came into their office.

This daie alsoe the Overseers for the poore of St. Lawrence

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parish desired the Company to make choise of the youthes that are to be bound apprentices with the Bishoppe's guifte, but were answered that noe absolute choise to be made till October next.

Mr. Vachell. This daie Mr. Everard, servant to Mr. Tanfeild Vachell, by the appointment of his Master, desired the Company to abate his Master some of his arrerages of rent for Pottman Brooke groundes, in regard of his sufferinges theise troublesome times: resolved upon the question, that if the said Mr. Vachell doe paie all his rent and the arrerages thereof due att Ladie-daie last for the same groundes, by this daie fortnight att the furthest, then x*li.* of the said arrerages of rent shalbe abated him.

Mr. Dewell. Mr. John Dewell this daie againe desired some abatement of his arrerages of rent: resolved upon the question that if the said Mr. Dewell will surrender his lease then iiij*li.* of his arreares shalbe abated, otherwise none; and respite was given him for one weeke to consider thereof.

Forbury gate. This daie alsoe George Harrison acquainted the Company that Collonell Hammond had given him order to set uppe a gate and stiles att the entrance into the Forbury, and desired to know whether the Company would forbidd him to doe the same, but was answered that he maye sett uppe a gate and stiles, soe as he doe in noe manner prejudice the liberties of the Towne in the said Forbury; for if he doe, the Towne will endevor to defend their liberties.

Crowne-feildes. This daie the Company had communicacion concerninge the purchase of the Crownefeildes of Mr. Richard Knollis with part of Mr. Kendricke's money, and thereupon itt was agreed that some of the Company should speake with Mr. Knollis about the price thereof.

Walter Fellowe. Walter Fellowe's peticion was answered as appeares under the foote thereof upon the file of this yeare.

[p. 88.] Wenesdaie, the thirtith daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower.

Mr. Dewell. This daie Mr. John Dewell surrendred his lease of two stables att old Yeldhall, and promised to paie 5*li.* (in full of all his arrerages of rent) att Midsummer next, or within fourteene daies after.

Crownefeildes. Ordered and agreed this daye that the Crownfeildes shalbe forthwith purchased of Mr. Richard Knollis with parte of Mr. Kendricke's money; and that Mr. John Harrison shall goe to London the next weeke with Mr. Knollis to advise with Councell concerninge the assurance.

George Lowgrove. Henry Burges of Burghfeild, in the behalfe of George Lowgrove, desired the Company to be favourable unto him in his rent arreare; whereupon itt was ordered and agreed that if the parishioners of Burghfeild will secure the rent for the time to come and paye vj*li.* for the rent due att [*blank*] and vj*li.* for the arrerages and the charges of the writt and warrant in some short time, that then he shalbe abated the residue of his arreares.

Phillip Smith. Whereas Phillip Smith, the Scavenger, oweth upon bond to this Corporacion the summe of 7*li.*, longe since due; itt is nowe agreed and the Company are content to accept of the payment thereof in this manner, vizt. xl*s.* att present and afterwardes x*s.* a quarter till the residue be paid, the first quarterly payment thereof to begin att Michaellmas next, and soe forwardes quarterly till the same be paid.

Scavenger. Itt is alsoe ordered and agreed that for the time to come the Scavenger shall have but xiij*li.* per annum and noe more for the executing of his office, clensinge of the grates, and sweepinge of the Markett-place.

Mr. Pack. Alsoe agreed that a letter be written to Mr. Christopher Pack to paye in the 150*li.*, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money, for which he standeth bounde with James Winch, th'elder.

Mr. Blagrave. Alsoe agreed that another lettre be sent to Mr. Daniell Blagrave speedily to provide the 50*li.* which he owes to the Company.

Henry Hurley. Henry Hurley was wished speedilye to departe the house if the Company shall shew him any favour.

Widow Barlowe. Agreed that Widowe Barlowe shall have

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2s. 6d. of Mr. Mayor for her present releife, and for the future shee is referred to the Overseers to releive her as they shall thinke fitt.

[p. 89.] Wenesdaie, the fourteenth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright.

Lottery money. Agreed that John Percey, glover, shall have xx^tie^ nobles of the Lottery money upon his owne, Willyam Dee and Edward Golde's bond for repayment thereof att the five yeares' end, during which time he is to have itt gratis.

Mr. Kendricke's money. Willyam Milles, the Chamberlen, was this daie appointed to demand and receave Mr. Kendricke's money of the parties that owe the same, and upon receipte of the money to deliver the bondes to be cancelled, and Mr. Wylmer's man is to attend him about the same, and the money is to be taken into the said Chamberlen's charge.

G. Lowgrove. John Curtis, of Burghfeilde, desired the Company to be favourable unto their tennant George Lowgrove; upon which motion itt was resolved and the said John Curtis was answered that if he will paie vj*li.* and the said Lowgrove presently yeild uppe the possession of the landes att Burghfeild, and paie all the charges in suite, the Company will accept thereof in full of the said Lowgrove's rent and arreares, but if that may not be performed then matters to stand as before they did, and the suite shall proceed.

James Winch. The Chamberlaines were this daie sent to James Winch to require him forthwith to paie the 150*li.* which he standes bound for, with Mr. Pack, to the Company.

W. Hamblen. Agreed that Willyam Hamblen shall have 5*li.* of Mr. Johnson's money with his sonne to be bound apprentice to him, uppon John Hamblen and another sufficient man's securitie.

Agreed that Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, shall speedilye goe over to Burghfeilde to take possession of George Lowgrove's house and land there.

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Mrs. Thackham. Fridaie next come senight appointed for the hearinge and makinge some end of the difference betweene Mrs. Thackham and the Company.

[p. 90.] Mundaie, the [*blank*] daie of Maye, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wilder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Birch, Robert James, Willyam Beisley, Willyam Oades.

Crownefeildes. Mr. Walter Knight this daie made reporte concerning Mr. Richard Knollis' title to the Crownefeildes, which the Company did approve of, and itt was ordered that the assurance be made in trust to theise feoffees, vizt.:

Peter Horne, Clement Marlowe, Richard Steevenson, Robert Creed, Richard Stampe, John Kent, Willyam Knight, Willyam Castle, Roger Steevens, Roger Sherfeild.

Mr. Brackstone. Whereas Mr. Willyam Brackstone oweth for rent due att Ladie-daie last past xxxvj*li.* and hath not as yett receaved any fee for the yeare he was Mayor, itt is nowe ordered and agreed that (accordinge to a former order) he shalbe allowed x*li.* for the said fee, soe as hee paie unto the Chamberlen for the use of the Hall the said xxxvj*li.* betweene this and Satterdaie night next.

Sessions. Agreed that the Sessions for the Peace shalbe held within this Borough the next Tuesdaie after the next Assizes.

Wenesdaie, the seaven and twentith daie of Maye, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Deputy Maior*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

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Willyam Noabes of Burfeild, wheeler, this daie desired to take a lease of the house and land at Burfeild, late in the occupacion of George Lowgrove, att the yearely rent of vj*li.* and proffered to give securitie for payment of the rent accordingly, and to paie iiij*li.* att Michaellmas next for the proffittes of the land in the meane-time.

Alsoe Thomas Curtis of Burghfeild, husbandman, desired to take a lease of the same landes upon the termes that Noabes proposed.

But both of them were referred for their answer till a fuller meetinge of the Company.

[p. 91.] Satterdaie, xxxjth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Willyam Beisley.

Thomas Curtis. This daie itt was resolved upon the question that Thomas Curtis of Burghfeild, husbandman, shall have a lease of the house and land att Burghfeild, late in the occupacion of George Lowgrove, for the terme of xxj yeares from Michaelmas next, att the rent of vj*li.* per annum, to be yearely paid att the Townehall, and the lease to be made against next Quarterdaie.

With all which the said Thomas Curtis was contented and promised to gett Thomas Henwood to be bound for the payment of the rent, and (according to the order of the Company) paid unto Willyam Noabes 5*s.* for his paines in comminge upp and downe about the said bargayne, and the said Thomas Curtis did promise to paie vj*li.* att th'enseallinge of the lease for the proffittes of the said land betweene this and Michaelmas next.

Mr. Blagrave's guifte. Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall advise att London touchinge Mr. John Blagrave's guift to this Towne, whether taxes shalbe abated out of the annuitie or noe.

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Mr. Jo. Carter's guifte. Alsoe agreed that Mr. Alright shall distreyne for the annuitie given by Mr. Joseph Carter for the use of the poore of this Towne.

Mr. Kendricke's money. Alsoe agreed that 100*li.* shalbe borrowed out of Mr. Kendricke's 500*li.* stock and 50*li.* out of Mr. Kendricke's rentes to paie towardes the purchase of the Crownefeildes till Mr. Kendricke's money oweing upon bond cann be receaved.

Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of June, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie Willyam Wooddes, one of the keepers of the House of Correccion, brought vij*li.* x*s.*, which was receaved att the last Quarter Sessions for this Countie, whereof iiij*li.* x*s.* was delivered to the Chamberlen and iij*li.* to the keepers of the said House.

[p. 92.] Quarterdaye, Mundaie, the three and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright *, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades.

Mrs. Thackham. This daie upon the motion of Mr. Foord, Minister of St. Lawrence Church, itt is agreed that Mrs. Thackham's accomptes shalbe taken into consideracion on Mundaie next.

Widow Jemmott. Att this daie the difference betweene Widowe Jemmott and her apprentice was debated, and itt was resolved upon the question that the advise of Councell shalbe had concerninge the same.

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Interest money. Those that have not paid the interest of such monies as they owe upon bond, parte of Mr. Kendricke's stock, are forthwith to paie the same; or otherwise itt is agreed that a course shalbe taken against them for the recovery thereof.

John Lambe. This daie John Lambe, baker, was forbidden to keepe any common alehouse or tiplinge-house, or to use common sellinge of ale or beere in his nowe dwellinge-house, longer then the seaven and twentith daie of July next.

John Browne. Resolved upon the question that John Browne, clothworker, shall have a lease of the tenemente, parte of John Alarder's land, late in the holdinge of Edward London, carpenter, for xxj yeares, att the yearely rent of iiij*li.*, and likewise another lease of the garden att the rent of iiij*d.* per annum. With all which the said John Browne was contented.

Thomas Curtis. This daie Thomas Curtis' lease of the landes att Burghfeild, late in the holding of George Lowgrove, was sealed.

Wenesdaie, the five and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Willyam Belchamber.

This daie Willyam Brickett was aunswered that the Company will not bylde any oven in the roome late in Hurlie's holdinge.

Agreed that Willyam Milles, the Chamberlen, upon the receipte of xx*li.* from Mr. Tanfeild Vachell, shall signe the said Mr. Vachell an acquittance for all his rent and arrerages thereof, due for Pottman Brooke groundes att or before the 25th of March last, which xx*li.* is to be paid to Mr. Thomas Thackham. Vide antea, 23° Dec. 1650.

[p. 93.] Mundaie, the thirtith daie of June, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard

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Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Belchamber, Thomas Cope.

This daie the difference betweene the Widowe Kinge and William Winkles was heard concerning Clement Spicer, late apprentice unto John King, and by him assigned over to the said William Winkles to serve the remainder of his apprentishipp with Winkles; but by reason the apprentice was unwilling to serve the residue of his time with his dame, unles he mought have his indenture from Winkles, they were all dismissed and nothing done therein. Vide le file.

Mrs. Thackham. This daie Mrs. Thackham presented to the Company 4 billes of reckoninges betweene her husband and the Company, which were read over, and some thinges therein allowed, some other thinges agreed to be further considered, and the residue disallowed, as that which the Company have noe right to make any satisfaccion for. And itt is on both partes refer'd to Samuell Jemmott and Willyam Beisley to state the accompt and to bringe to a certentie the matters left in suspence.

Wenesdaie, the sixeteenth daie of July, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnold, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward, Joell Steevens, [Assistants.]

Agreed that the Sessions for this Borough shalbe held on Thirsdaie fortnight.

Mr. Walter Knight declared the advise of Mr. Hales for the recovery of the annuitie given by Mr. Blagrave, vizt.

1. That demand be made by lettre of attorney.
2. An entrie upon the landes.
3. An accion brought against the tennantes for the meane proffittes of the landes for 1 yeare.

John Bartlett. John Bartlett, one of the Serjeantes-att-Mace within this Borough, havinge formerly refused to give securitie for

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the due execucion of his office, did this daie promise to give securitie for perfourmance thereof, his securitie nominated were John Bartlett, junior, and Thomas Cooper, senior, which the Company accepted of.

Agreed that tenn poundes to be collected out of the amerciamentes within this Borough shall satisfie a debt oweing to Mr. John Harrison by John Bartlett for the escape of Capt. Crosse.

The Serjeantes to have 4*s.* in the *li.* for collectinge amerciamentes. Alsoe agreed that the Serjeantes for time to come, duringe the pleasure of the Company, shall have iiij*s.* in the pounde for collectinge the amerciamentes.

Thomas Belchamber and Edward Golde were suitors for a Serjeante's place.

Henry Arlett was a suitor for 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte.

[p. 94.] Thirsdaie, the one and thirtith daie of July, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Thomas Belchamber was this daie elected to be one of the Serjeantes-att-Mace within this Borough, and did then take his oath to execute the said office accordingly.

Richard Reddatt, the Belman, was reprehended for being negligent in his office.

Wenesdaie, the sixth daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Willyam Milles.

This daie Mr. Mayor sealed a letter of attorney to the 2 Serjeantes, Nicholas Lanfeare and John Bartlett, authorizing them to

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enter into Mr. Blagrave's land and to enjoye the proffittes thereof for one yeare, according to Mr. Blagrave's will, by reason of the non-payment of the x*li.* due on Good Fridaie last, &c.

And itt was agreed that they shall speedily enter and Mr. Wylmer's man is to accompany them to be a wittnes thereunto.

Interest money. Agreed that those that have not paid the interest of Mr. Kendricke's money, which was lent upon interest, shall speedilie paie the same, or otherwise proces shalbe taken forth against them.

Mr. Marten's mony. Alsoe agreed that a speedie course shalbe taken against them that owe the money of Mr. Marten's guifte, for the recovery thereof.

104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte to be receaved. Alsoe agreed that Mr. Wylmer shall make a letter of attorney to [*blank*] to receave 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte att Marchantaylors' hall (London), which 104*li.* wilbe due to this Towne the 24th of this instant August, beinge Bartholmew-daie.

New cloakes for the Serjeantes. Alsoe agreed that the 3 Serjeantes shall have new cloakes and that the Chamberlaines shall provide them with parte of the amercement moneyes collected by the Serjeantes.

Wenesdaie, the thirteenth daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Deputy Mayor.* Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. George Wooldridge.

This daie order was given to Mr. Walter Knight to take out proces against the tennantes of Mr. Blagrave's land.

Alsoe order was given to the Serjeantes to warne all those that doe owe any apprentice money, to paye the same forthwith.

Peter Clerke confessed he solde one of the loomes belonginge to Mr. Kendricke's workehouse.

[p. 95.] Wenesdaie, the twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam

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Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Samuell Jemmott.

Thomas Belchamber, the youngest Serjeant, is speedilie to give securitie for the perfourmance of his office.

Agreed that Mr. John Harrison shalbe speedilye paid 10*li.* out of the amerciament monies in liew of 10*li.* oweing unto him by John Bartlett, the Serjeant, for the escape of Captain Crosse.

Peter Clerke this daie confessed that to releive his povertie and to paie his debtes he had solde one of the loomes in Mr. John Kendricke's workehouse to one Purnell, broadweaver, for lviij or lix*s.*

Samuell Jemmott this daie made his reporte concerninge Mrs. Thackham's reckoninges. Vide le file.

Eleccion-daie, Mundaie, the five and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades.

Att this daie the Mayor and Aldermen by direccion of their Charter did name three of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this present daie (beinge the last Mundaie in August) in their Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those three Aldermen (soe named) by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and

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Assistantes present this daie, should be elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next ensueing, as in and by their Charter itt is required, vizt.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, IIIIIIIII [9], IIIIII [6], elected Mayor.

Mr. John Webb, ... I.

Mr. Henry Fruin.

Att this daie alsoe the Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaynes for the next yeare as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Richard Alright, IIIIIIIII [9].

Richard Birch, IIIIIIIII [9].

This daie a letter of attorney was sealed authorising Mr. Richard Hollowaie to receave 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guifte payable att Marchantaylors' hall (London) for the use of this Towne.

[p. 96.] Mayor's fee. Att this daie itt was ordered and agreed at Mr. Willyam Wylder, the new elected Mayor, shall have threescore poundes for his fee as Mayor the next yeare, to be quarterly paid unto him out of the tolle of the Markett by the occupier thereof the next yeare; and in case the said tolle shall not amounte unto threescore poundes, that then the residue of the said threescore poundes shalbe paid unto the said Mr. Willyam Wylder out of other the Hall revenues.

Noe tolle to be taken for bread. Alsoe ordered and agreed that for the time to come noe tolle shall be taken for bread, brought to be solde in Readinge markett.

Wenesdaie, the seaven and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison.

The Serjeant is appointed to warne all those that doe owe any interest money belonging to Mr. Kendricke's stock, to paie in the same by Wenesdaie next, or otherwise proces to be taken forth against them.

Mr. Walter Knight is appointed to send for a writt against

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Mr. John Dewell for the recovery of the 5*li.* which he promised to paie att Midsummer last past.

Mundaie, the eighth daie of September, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Wylder, *elect;* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower.

This daie Samuel Jemmott and Willyam Beisley made their reporte concerninge Mrs. Thackham's accomptes, and thereupon itt was resolved and agreed as followeth, viz[t].

First, that Mrs. Thackham shalbe allowed for her husbande's charges expended in the suite concerning Edward Haines' goodes	v*li.*	
2[ly]. That shee shalbe allowed in full of all other reckoninges and demandes .	xxij*li.*	x*s.* ix*d.*
In all	xxvij*li.*	x*s.* ix*d.*

Due and oweing by Mrs. Thackham unto the Company, viz[t].

Parte of Mr. Kendricke's money due upon bond from her husband and others .	xxx*li.*	
For amerciamentes unpaid in Mr. Burningham's yeare . . .		xlviij*s.* ix*d.*
For charges in a suite against Mr. Burningham for the escape of a prisoner in his Mayoraltie . . .		xlij*s.*
In all	xxxxiiij*li.*	x*s.* ix*d.*

Soe out of this accompt, the above-said 27*li.* 10*s.* 9*d.* being allowed to Mrs. Thackham, there remaines due from her	vij*li.*

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Memorandum, the 9th of September, 1651, Mrs. Thackham by the handes of William Bisley did paie unto William Milles, the Chamberlayne, vij*li.*

Memorandum, the Company are to answer the 30*li.* to Mr. Kendricke's accomptes.

[p. 97.] Thomas Kinge. This daie the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses did lett unto Thomas Kinge the tolle of the Markett for one wholle yeare, vizt. from Michaelmas next to Michaelmas 1652, att and for the yearely rent of fowerscore and tenn poundes, which the said Thomas Kinge promised to paie for the same.

Wenesdaie, the seaven and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison.

This daie order was given to John Bartlett, Serjeant, to warne those that owe interest money to the Hall, to paie in the same by Wenesdaie next.

Alsoe order was given to Mr. Walter Knight to take out proces against Mr. John Dewell for the recovery of the 5*li.* he should have paid att Midsumer last.

Wenesdaie, the tenth daie of September, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie itt was thought fitt and resolved by the Company present that Chedock Palmer (ymployeing a stock in Mr. Kendricke's workehouse) shall have the use of the xx*li.* in his handes for some longer time, gratis.

Quarterdaie, Mundaie, the xxixth daie of September, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor.* Mr. Willyam Wylder, *elect;* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne *, justices; Mr. Thomas

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Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott *, Willyam Beisley *, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades.

A letter to Bristowe. This daie it was agreed that a letter be forthwith writt and sent to the Corporacion of Bristowe to desire a speedie payment of the 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift, which should have byn paid unto Readinge att Bartholmew-tide last past; which lettre was accordingly written and sent. Vide le file.

Conduitt closes. Nicholas Lanfeare this daie desired a lease of the Conduitt close [*sic*] att the yearely rent of five poundes: to be considered of.

Crownefeildes. Mr. Henry Fruin desired a lease of that parte of the Crownefeildes, nowe in his occupacion, at the former rent; ordered that the Chamberlens doe forthwith view the same groundes and make reporte thereof to the Company.

[p. 98.] Clerke and Sexton of St. Lawrence. Agreed that the Clerke and Sexton of St. Lawrence parish for their paines and trouble on Lecture-daies and meeting-daies of the Company shall have an allowance (for time to come) by way of colleccion of the severall inhabitantes of this Borough that will paie towardes the same.

Peticions,

Willyam Miles, Castle Kinge .	their peticions were answered as appeares under the foote of each peticion upon the file of this yeare.
Bartholmew Gallant, John Lesson	
Elizabeth Grantum . .	

Mr. Harrison. Mr. Thomas Harrison's request to have longer time in the Conduitt closes att 40*s.* per annum may not be granted, because another will give 5*li.* per annum for the same.

Visitors. Agreed that Mr. Willyam Wylder shall give enter-

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teynement to the Visitors this yeare, and that the said Mr. Wylder to that purpose shall have the allowance ordeyned by the Arch-Bishopp of Canterbury his guifte.

Mundaie, the sixth daie of October, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. James Arnolde, *Mayor*. Mr. Willyam Wilder, *elect;* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. Peter Thorne, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistants.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, William Oades.

Whereas the inhabitantes of Goringe parish have expended in suite of lawe about the commons, lately inclosed in Goringe heath, the summe of xxxv*li.* and upwardes, nowe upon their applicacion to the Company to have a parte of the said charge bourne by them in respect of Grimer Hill farme and landes lyeinge within the said parish, and having benefitt of the common there, itt is ordered and agreed that the summe of xxxij*s.* shalbe allowed as the proporcion of the said farme towardes the charges of the said suite, and that the Chamberlen doe paie the same unto Richard Holmes, one of the Inhabitants of the said parish accordingly.

This daie communicacion was had concerninge x*li.* oweing unto the Hall by Sir Francis Pile, deceassed, the bill being made in Mr. John Harrison's name, itt is ordered that the Ladie Pile be sued for the same by Mr. Harrison, and the Company will beare what charges shalbe expended in the said suite. Memorandum, the bill was delivered to Mr. Daniel Blagrave.

[p. 99.] Whereas Mr. Thomas Thackham, on the three and twentith daie of December last past, did deliver unto the Company an accompt in writinge of divers summes of money by him disbursed

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in the behalfe of this Corporacion amountinge in the wholle to the summe of Clxxxxv*li.*, whereof he had then receaved in parte, as thereby appeares, the summe of lxx*li.*, soe there rested due to the said Thomas Thackham the summe of Cxxv*li.*, sithence which time the said Mr. Thomas Thackham hath receaved in further parte of payment the summe of xx*li.*, soe that nowe remaines due unto him upon the said accompt Cv*li.* and iiij*li.* more, which this Corporacion is to paie unto him, towardes his provision for the enterteynement of the Visitors appointed by the Bishoppe's guifte in the time of his Mayoraltie, in all Cix*li.*, which is in full of all the said Mr. Thomas Thackham's orders and demandes from the Company; itt is therefore nowe ordered and agreed that the said Mr. Thomas Thackham shall have and receave or be annually paid Mr. Vachell's rent for Pottman Brooke groundes, as the same shall yearely growe due, untill the said Mr. Thackham be fully satisfied and paid the said One hundred and nine poundes.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. George Wooldridg, as soone as the Chamberlen shalbe in purse to performe the same, shalbe paid x*li.* out of the Hall revenue, to make uppe the 50*li.* he hath alreadie receaved even 60*li.*, in full for his fee due unto him in the yeare of his Mayoraltie.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. Richard Hallowaie shalbe paid twentie poundes out of the rent of the tolle of the Markett this yeare, to make uppe the xl*li.* he hath alreadie receaved even 60*li.*, in full for his fee due unto him in the yeare of his Mayoraltie.

Att this daie Mr. Willyam Wylder, the now elected Mayor, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes before-named, by direccions of the Charter and the Act of Parlyament in that behalfe, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Mayor, Justice of the Peace and Quorum and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough and the liberties thereof.

And then alsoe Mr. James Arnolde, the precedent Mayor, did take his oath to execute the office of a Justice of Peace within the said Borough and the liberties thereof duringe the terme of one whole yeare next ensueinge.

And then alsoe Richard Alright and Richard Birch, beinge formerly chosen Chamberlaines, did take their oathes to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordingely.

And then alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate

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and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for this yeare, whose names followe on the other side of this leafe.

[p. 100.] Richard Stampe Thomas Goade Willyam Ambrose	Constables, sworne.
John Bacon James Maynard John Creed Richard Feild	Wardens of High ward, sworne.
John Rose Willyam Lawrence	Wardens of New ward, sworne.
John Maulthus Thomas Wickins	Wardens of London ward, sworne.
Willyam Taylor John Chandler	Wardens of Old ward, sworne.
Richard Reeves Willyam Knight	Wardens of Minster ward, sworne.

Tuesdaie, the seaventh daie of October, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. James Arnolde, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Att this daie itt is ordered and agreed that Robert Smarte, silkeweaver, shall have the 5*li.* of John Johnson's money now in William Cowdrie's handes, with his apprentice, John Kinge, for one yeare; and that att the next yeare's eleccion of the boyes to be partakers of the Bishoppe's guifte to binde them apprentices, the said Robert Smart shalbe considered of to have the benefitt of the said guifte with his said apprentice, he then repayeing the said 5*li.*

Att this daie, according to the direccions of [the] Bishoppe's conveyance, was the eleccion of boyes to have their proporcionable

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partes of the said guifte to buynde them apprentices, and theis fatherles youthes were elected, viz[t].

Robert Curtis . .	in St. Marie's parish.
Henry Forster . .	
Thomas Merrick . .	
Robert Smith . .	in St. Giles' parish.
John Grantum . .	
John Richardes . .	
Robert Thacher . .	in St. Lawrence parish.
Willyam Sherfeild . .	
Richard Mace . .	

And itt is agreed that Thomas Shonke, of St. Lawrence parish, (in case itt appeare to the Company that his father did inhabite 14 yeares in this Towne, before his death) shalbe elected to be the tenth boye to have a parte of the said guifte.

The further consideracion of this busines is respited till Wenesdaie next come senight, att which time both Masters and Apprentices are to meete.

Memorandum, this being the third yeare wherein, according to the direccion of the Bishoppe's conveyance, the Visitors were to come from Oxford to take the accomptes of the Corporacion touching the disposing of the said guift, provision was made by Mr. Mayor for their enterteynement, but they came not.

[p. 101.] Tuesdaie, the xiiij[th] daie of October, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. James Arnold, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Robert James.

This daie the Court-Leete and Lawe-daie for the Borough of Readinge was holden in the Guildhall of the said Borough before the Mayor, Aldermen and Steward there.

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The names of the Jury.

Robert James	sworne.	John Eyres	sworne.
Peter Horne		Henry Tubb	
Richard Underwood		Thomas Richardson	
Richard Hunt		John Tucker	
Thomas Higden		Willyam Blackman	
Thomas Kinge		John Wimpey	
Richard Allum		John Baker	
Richard Hussey		Francis Terroll	
Robert Remnant			

Robert James
Peter Horne
Richard Underwood
Richard Hunt } assigned Affierers, and sworne.

Solomon Barnard
Thomas Bartholmew } Fish-tasters.

Willyam Turnor
John Collens } Flesh-tasters.

Willyam Cowdrie
Willyam Sturdie } Searchers and Sealers of Leather.

. . .
. . .
. . . } Searchers and overseeres for true makinge of Woollen Cloth, sworne and bounde in xl*li.* a-peice.

John Jerome
Richard Reddatt } Heywardes.

The Jury are appointed to give in their verdict by the last of March next.

[p. 102.] Wenesdaie, the xxj[th] daie of October, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wilder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Fruin.

The Company being satisfied that Thomas Shonke's father was an inhabitant within the Borough of Reading 14 yeares and upwardes before his deceasse, itt is therefore ordered and agreed that the said Thomas Shonke shall have a proporcionable parte

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of the Archbishopp of Canterbury his guifte this yeare to buynde him apprentice.

This daie itt is ordered and agreed that the x poore Boyes chosen out of this Borough to have their partes of the Bishoppe's guifte, to buynde them apprentices this yeare, shalbe placed Apprentices to the Trades-men hereafter named, whoe are to returne unto their apprentices att th'end of their apprentishippes the summes of money followeing:

1. Robert Thatcher to Joseph Cleere, weaving clothier, for 8 yeares from Christmas last, to be returned xl*s.* att the end of the terme.

2. Thomas Shonke to Daniell Wyer, broadweaver, for 8 yeares from Michaelmas last, to have iij*li.* att the end of the terme.

3. Willyam Sherfeild to John Poulter, broadweaver, for 8 yeares from Michaelmas last, to have xl*s.* att th'end of the terme.

4. Robert Curtis to Henry Adams, broadweaver, for 7 yeares from Michaellmas last, to be returned iij*li.* at th'end of the terme.

5. Richard Mace to Richard Clack, cordweyner, for 8 yeares from Michaellmas last, to have xl*s.* att the end of the terme.

6. Henry Forster to Richard Forster, gardiner, for 8 yeares from Michaelmas last past, to have xl*s.* att th'end of the terme.

7. John Grantum to Willyam Taylor, silkeweaver, for 8 yeares from Michaelmas last, to have l*s.* att th'end of the terme.

8. John Richardes to Charles Smith, clothier, for 7 yeares from Michaellmas last, to have xl*s.* att the end of the terme.

9. Robert Smith to Willyam Cowdrie, cordweyner, for 7 yeares from Michaelmas last, to have xxx*s.* att the end of the terme.

10. Thomas Merrick to John Rose, broadweaver, for 8 yeares from Christmas last, to have 4*li.* att th'end of the terme.

Itt is alsoe ordered and agreed that Robert Smarte, silkeweaver, shall have a proporcionable parte of the Arch-Bishoppe's guifte towardes the bynding poore boyes Apprentices, the next yeare, with his apprentice John Kinge: and forasmuch as a question hath arisen, to witt, in which of the 3 parishes the said John King shall be chosen the next yeare, he being nowe resident in St. Giles' parish, but borne in St. Marie's parish, itt is therefore resolved that 9 boyes shalbe first elected in the 3 parishes and the said John King shalbe elected the xth boye.

Alsoe ordered and agreed that Mr. Henry Fruin shall have a new lease from the Company of the Crownefeildes now in his

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occupacion for the terme of 21 yeares, att the old rent of xx*li.* per annum; and the said Mr. Fruin is to covenante to laye upon the land duringe the last 2 yeares of the terme 200 loade of dunge.

Upon the peticion of poore William Miles, agreed that he shalbe considered of to have a roome in Mr. Kendricke's workehouse for his habitacion.

[p. 103.] Wenesdaie, the nine and twentith daie of October, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peeter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Edward Kent, Francis Browne, Thomas Richardson, Thomas Phippes and John Browne are appointed to paye the severall summes of money due from them to the Company in shorte time, otherwise proces shalbe taken forth against them.

Ordered and agreed that Thomas Winkles, baker, upon his bill for repayment thereof att this time twelve-moneth, shall with his apprentice, Samuell Coxe, have five poundes of John Johnson's money nowe in Mr. Wylmer's handes; and that att the next yeare's eleccion of boyes to have their proporcionable partes of the Archbishoppe's guifte to place them apprentices, the said Coxe shalbe chosen and preferred before another to have a proporcionable parte of the said guifte to be bound apprentice to the said Thomas Winkles, he then payeing back the said summe of 5*li.*

Upon the complaint of blinde Robert Harris, itt is agreed that Mr. Mayor and some of the Company shall repaire to the House of Correccion and take order for the settling of the said Robert Harris in the Mault Mill worke there.

Wenesdaie, the nineteenth daie of November, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham [and] Mr. James Arnolde, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie,

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Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Att this daie itt is ordered and agreed that Henry Poole, a poore old man of St. Giles' parish, shall have one of John Alarder's Almes-houses, in the roome and steed of old Thomas Plumridge, late deceassed.

Alsoe this daie Humfrey Hogg, a poore fatherles boye borne in the towne of Wokingham, was elected to have a parte of the Bishoppe's guifte to binde him apprentice, and itt was agreed that he shalbe placed apprentice to Thomas Cooper th'elder, broad-weaver, for 7 yeares from this time, and to have 3*li.* returned to him att th'end of the terme.

Walter Fellowe this daie promised to bringe in the 80*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, in his handes, this daie fortnight.

Thomas Curtis, of Burghfeild, this daie desired some allowance from the Company towardes the repayring of his house: agreed that Mr. Mayor shall assigne the said Curtis a tree upon the land, to make lath, to be employed aboute the thatch of the said house.

Alsoe agreed that a Certificate shalbe sent to the Comissioners sittinge att Abingdon the xxijth instant, to signifie unto them, that after dilligent enquirye noe garden called Timber haye, lyeing nere Osier close in Readinge, nor any land heretofore belonginge to the late Chantery, called Collins there, can be discovered or founde out. Which Certificate was made and sent accordingly, a coppie whereof and of the warrant is upon the file of this yeare.

[p. 104.] Mundaie, the fower and twentith daie of November, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. James Arnolde, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Peter Thorne.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

This daie John Cule beinge convented before Mr. Mayor was wished to keepe good orders [*sic*] in his house, otherwise his ale-house shalbe suppressed.

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This daie Richard Alright, one of the Assistantes, havinge byn junior Chamberlen to this Corporacion for one yeare, to witt, from Michaelmas, 1650, to Michaellmas, 1651, did give uppe his accompte of all the moneyes for Charitable uses which he had receaved and disbursed in the said yeare, which accompt was allowed of by the Company.

This daie Owen Owens, laborer, (being convicted by the testimoney of Richard Stampe, constable, for swearinge once prophanely by his faith) did paie 3*s.* 4*d.* for the use of the poore accordinge to the Act.

Agreed that Richard Birch, the new Chamberlen, shall forthwith provide gownes for Mr. Willyam Kendricke's almes-people, the charge whereof being deducted out of the surplus remayninge upon Mr. William Kendricke's last accompte, the residue of the said surplus shall goe towardes the payment of the debt oweing from Mr. Kendricke's accompte to the Hall for buyldinge the Barne in Sivyer Streete, blowne downe by tempest.

Agreed that Mr. Mayor shall assigne Nicholas Middleton's daughter 5*s.* out of the Charitable uses, to paie the Surgeon towardes the cure of her handes.

Whereas upon the accompt of the said Richard Alright there is due unto Edward Wylmer th'elder, Towne-Clerke, the summe of viij*li.* for writinge and registring the accomptes for Charitable uses the last two yeares, itt is nowe agreed that the said viij*li.* shalbe paid unto the said Edward Wylmer out of the Hall revenue, and that viij*li.* being the surplus remayninge upon the generall accompte shalbe accompted for by Richard Birch, Chamberlen, att the next accompte.

Memorandum, to write a letter to Mr. Saxton, of Alesbury, about Doctor Swaddon's guifte.

Wenesdaie, the 26th daie of November, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Henry Fruin.

This daie 2 youthes were presented by the inhabitantes of Braye,

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for one of them to be elected to be bound apprentice, accordinge to the purport of the Arch-Bishoppe's conveyance, to witt,

John Foord,

John Ewstace.

And the said John Foord being fatherles was elected by the Company present, but for the choise of a Master for him itt is respited till this daie fortnight.

[p. 105.] Wenesdaie, the third daie of December, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

This daye Mr. Walter Knight to renew the writt against Joseph Easte, and to prosecute the suite against Mr. Cantrell and his bayle.

Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the nineteenth daie of December, 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. James Arnolde, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles, Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright *, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades.

☞ Whereas in the time of the late Warrs, three of the Tenementes purchased with monies given by Mr. Thomas Deane and Mr. James Pococke, for maintenance of the Charitable uses by them directed, were burned downe and ruinated, to witt, one tenement in the Old Ward sometimes in the holding of

* Marked as absent.

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Richard Dearinge, att xs. rent per annum, and two tenementes in Sivyer Streete late in the holdinge of Humfrey Milles, att iijli. xs. rent per annum, and alsoe one other tenement in the holdinge of Widowe Wheeler, att xs.. per annum, hath not paid any rent since theise troublesome times, by reason whereof the wholle paymentes for Charitable uses directed by the said Mr. Deane and Mr. Pocock cannot be performed, there beinge of the former rent of iiijli. xs. but xs. receaved yearely, which is for rent of the plott of ground in Sivyer Streete, whereon the said two tenementes did stand; ☞ soe that iiijli. must be abated out of the yearely distribucion of the said Charitable uses, the former yearely rent for maintenance whereof was xijli., but nowe there is receaved onely viijli. per annum; itt is therefore ordered and agreed that of the said viijli. rent per annum the sume of vjli. xviijs. viijd. shalbe taken as Mr. Deane's guifte to be yearely distributed accordingly, and xxjs. iiijd. shalbe taken as Mr. Pococke's guifte for the yearely provyding of x shirtes and smockes for poo[r peo]ple, ☞ whereof vj shirtes and smockes shalbe yearely distributed to the poore people of Readinge and th'other iiij shirtes and smockes to the poore people of Frilsham in the one yeare and Yattendon in the other yeare, accordinge to the direccions of Mr. Pococke's will; but forasmuch as there is alreadie provyded tenn shirtes and smockes for the poore of Readinge this yeare which cost [*blank*], itt is agreed that they shalbe distributed accordingly, and for time to come there shalbe the yearely number of sixe shirtes and smockes, and noe more, provyded by the Chamberlen and distributed to poore people within this Borough.

[p. 106.] This daye a warrant was sealed by Mr. Mayor to the Serjeantes for the collectinge of the quittrentes and arrerages thereof due and payable unto the Company.

Alsoe Mr. Henry Frewin's lease of two Closes of grounde, parte of the Crownefeildes, was this daie sealed.

This daie Anne Johnson, widowe, peticioned to have a new lease of two houses and a voide plott of grounde in the Old Ward in Readinge for 3 lives; ordered that the Chamberlens shall forthwith viewe the same tenementes and void grounde and make reporte thereof to the Company, and then further answer shall be given to the peticion.

This daie John Foord, a poore fatherles boye borne within the

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parish of Braye, was presented by the parish, and itt is agreed that he shalbe bounde apprentice unto Edward Smith of Hurst, blacksmith, for 9 yeares; and the said Edward Smith is to have 9*li.* 8*s.* 4*d.* of the Bishoppe's guifte with his apprentice, and to paie his apprentice 5*li.* att the end of his terme.

This daie alsoe Joseph Easte desired the favour of the Company for his inlargement and he would paie the 25*li.* from him due by xx*s.* a quarter; answered that the Company can doe nothinge therein without good securitie for the money.

Upon the peticion of the Clerke and Sexton of St. Lawrence parish to have some allowance for their paines on Lecture-daies and Quarter-daies, itt is agreed that for the time past the Sexton shall have 6*s.* 8*d.* and the Clerke 3*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid them by the Chamberlen.

Whereas itt hath byn formerly accustomed, that divers persons (havinge stockes of money sent them by the Corporacion to be repaid,) have given bond to provide newe securitie, in case any of the sureties die before the money become due; and forasmuch as by experience itt hath byn founde prejudiciall that the like remidie hath not byn provyded for the principall, that in case he die before the money is payable his heires, executors or admynistrators have not byn bounde to give sufficient securitie in his stead for the sure repayment of the money, itt is nowe ordered and agreed that from henceforth in all such bondes as shalbe entred into for givinge of newe securitie, itt shalbe condicioned that the principall, if he be livinge, shall give newe securitie in-steed of any of the sureties that shall dye; or in case the principall departe this life before the money is due then his heires, executors or admynistrators shall give newe securitie in his steed, and in the steed of all or any of the sureties dyeinge before the money is due, for the repayment thereof.

[p. 107.] Wenesdaie, the fower and twentith daie of December, 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

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Itt beinge informed that old Richard Mayne, one of the Almesmen in Mr. Willyam Kendricke's almes-houses is lately deceassed, itt is agreed that old Thomas Underwood, aged 81 yeares, shall supply the place and have the benefitt of the said almes-house insteed of the said Richard Mayne, soe as the said Thomas Underwood doe not permitt one Goodie Lovejoye, a stranger, to make any longer aboade in his house.

There beinge receaved in this yeare the summe of v*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.* of the guifte of Mr. Edward Kemish to be distributed to fower and thirtie poore housholders within the towne of Readinge by iij*s.* iiij*d.* a-peice, itt is agreed that the same shalbe distributed to:

10 in St. Marie's parish .
12 in St. Lawrence parish . } which was accordingly done.
12 in St. Giles' parish .

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamblen's guifte was this daie distributed to tenn poore men, to witt,

3 in St. Giles' parish.
3 in St. Marie's parish.
4 in St. Lawrence parish.

Alsoe x shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guifte were distributed to tenn poore people, to witt,

3 in St. Lawrence parish.
3 in St. Marie's parish.
4 in St. Giles' parish.

Wenesdaie, the sixth daie of January, 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Willyam Milles.

The charge being great in releivinge divers poore maymed Soldiers that daily passe through the Towne, itt is agreed that Mr. Blagrave doe make a mocion att the next Sessions for the Countie to have an allowance therefore from the Countrie, or some other redresse therein.

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Agreed that Willyam Wylder, junior, grocer, shall have 25*li.* of Mr. Ironside's money for 5 yeares, gratis, upon good securitie.

Agreed that the Mace shalbe forthwith altered accordinge to the Act of Parliament.

Agreed that Walter Fellowe, Willyam Greenway and Willyam Parr, and their sureties, shalbe sued for the severall debtes they owe unto the Hall.

[p. 108.] Wenesdaie, the fourteenth daie of January, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Willyam Milles, [Assistant.]

This daie debate was had touchinge the alteracion of the Mace belonginge to the Corporacion, and itt is agreed 1st, that the handle of the Mace shalbe onely new guilt and the 5 maydenheades, being the Towne armes, at the upper end of the handle, to stand as they doe; 2ly, the head of the Mace to be made three inches larger about, with depth proporcionable; 3ly, the Crosse at the topp of the Mace and the Kinge's armes to be left out, and the State's armes to be set in the place, according to the patterne prescribed by the Act of Parliament. The care of doeing whereof is committed to Mr. John Webb, to employ his kinsman Mr. Rason, a goldsmith in London, to doe the same, the charge whereof is to be bourne out of the Hall stock.

Agreed that Joseph Easte's proposall to paie five poundes in hand, parte of the 25*li.* from him due, and to give securitie for the residue, shalbe taken into consideracion this daie fortnight.

Agreed that Robert Westmerland shall have a lease of the house att the upper end of Friers Streete for the terme of 99 yeares (if 3 lives of his owne nominacion soe longe live), to begin att Ladie-daie next, att the yearely rent of xxvj*s.* viij*d.*, payable halfe yearely, to witt, att Michaellmas and Ladie-daie by equall porcions; with all which the said Robert Westmerland was contented and promised to repaire the house and make itt tenantlike.

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Satterdaie, the fower and twentith daie of January, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright, Willyam Oades.

This daie a letter beinge receaved from Mr. Willyam Rason, signifieinge that the charge of making a new Mace, accordinge to the Act of Parliament, will amounte to 26*li.* or 27*li.* besides the price of the old Mace, itt is ordered and agreed that it shalbe referred to Mr. Holloway and Mr. Cope (whoe goe to London the next weeke to take order for the sale of the old Mace att the best rate, and the makeing of a new Mace upon the best termes).

Memorandum, the old Mace accordinge to Mr. Rason's letter weighes 52½ oz., or thereaboutes, and the new Mace will weigh 80 oz., or thereaboutes.

[p. 109]. Wenesdaie, the eight and twentith daie of January, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Milles, Richard Alright.

This daie Walter Fellowe againe made request that the fowerscore poundes of Mr. Kendricke's money now in his handes mought be lent to his sonne Edward Fellowe, clothier, for tenn yeares; agreed that if the said Walter Fellowe bringe in the said 80*li.* this daie fortnight, itt shalbe considered of in his favour.

Agreed that Willyam Wylder, grocer, shall have five and twentie poundes of Mr. Richard Ironside's money upon his owne,

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John Wylder, senior, and Willyam Castle's bond for repayment thereof att fower yeares' end.

Alsoe agreed that Richard Stockwell, salter, shall have another 25*li.* of the said money upon his owne, Richard Hussey, junior, Thomas Merriott, and another sufficient man, their bond for repayment thereof att fower yeares' end.

Alsoe agreed that John Ayres, clothier, shall have fowerscore poundes, parte of the rentes and proffittes of the landes purchased with Mr. John Kendricke's common stock, upon the said John Ayres, Mr. John Webb, William Ayres, of Sherborne, in the countie of Oxon, yeoman, and John Penner of Purton, in the said countie of Oxon, yeoman, their bond for repayment thereof att th'end of tenn yeares.

Att this daie Willyam Milles, one of the Assistantes of this Borough, was elected and preferred to be one of the Aldermen of this Borough in the place and office of Mr. James Arnolde, late deceassed, and did then take his corporall oath to execute the said office accordingly.

Att this daie alsoe Roger Steevens, clothier, one of the Burgesses of this Borough, was elected and preferred to be one of the Assistantes of the same Borough in the place and office of the said Willyam Milles.

This daie Joseph Easte appeared, but nothinge was done in his businesse by reason he brought not securitie accordinge to his former promise, and therefore referred till this daie fortnight.

This daie the Chamberlens made reporte, that upon their viewe of the tenement in Old Ward, nowe in the occupacion of Anne Johnson, widowe, they finde the same tenemente to be worth x*li.* per annum.

Henry Walker's peticion answered. Vide le file.

[p. 110.] Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of February, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

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Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

Agreed that Margarett Price, widowe, shall have the Almes-house in St. Marie's parish, nowe voide by the deceasse of Widow Thatcher.

Alsoe agreed that Nicholas Lanfeare, the Serjeant, shall forthwith have a newe gowne.

This daie debate was had touching the lettinge of the tenementes and void grounde in the Old Ward, nowe in the occupacion of Anne Johnson, widowe, or her assignes, and the said Anne Johnson, beinge sent for, did declare her desire to be, to take a new lease of the said tenementes and void grounde att the old rent of iij*li.* per annum for three lives (whereof the life in beinge to be one), upon such reasonable fine as the Company should thinke fitt. Whereupon the summe of xlix*li.* was proposed to her to paye for a fine for such an estate therein, which shee desired some longer respitt to consider of, and then itt was moved to her in the behalfe of Mr. Thomas Cope, that if the said Anne Johnson upon the new taking of the said estate would lett him a lease of those partes of the said tenementes and void grounde, which are nowe in his occupacion, and upon which he hath laid out much money in reparacions, for the terme of fowerscore yeares (if the said 3 lives soe longe should live), att the yearely rent of 5*li.* which he nowe payeth for the same, hee would paye the said Anne Johnson soe much money as halfe the fine that shee should paie unto the Company for her estate should come unto; all which the said Anne Johnson desired time to consider of and to returne her answer by this daie senight, which was granted her.

Wenesdaie, the eighteenth daie of February, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Alright.

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Agreed that Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, shall provide for the enterteynement of the Judges, as followeth, vizt.

One gallon and a halfe of Sack.
Two barrells of Beere.
One Sugar loafe of vj*li.* weightt.
One quarter of Oates.

And for the Clerke of the Assizes,

One quarter of Oates.

The Judges' lodginge is appointed to be at Mr. Thomas Thackham's house.

The Clerke of the Assizes att Richard Saunders' house.

The Clerke of the Arraignementes att Mr. Wooldridge's house.

[p. 111.] This daye Anne Johnson, widowe, refused to take a new lease of the tenementes and voide grounde in Old Ward, nowe in the holding of her or her assignes, upon the fine proposed to her from the Company to paie for the same.

And then itt was agreed that Mr. Thomas Cope, upon the payment of xlij*li.* for a fine for such estate, shall have a lease of the said tenementes and void ground for the terme of 99 yeares (if Deborah and Anne, two of the daughters of the said Thomas Cope, soe longe shall live), to commence from the deceasse of Edward Wylmer th'elder, att the old rent of iij*li.* per annum; out of which lease a small plott of ground now used for a backside to the tenemente nowe in the holdinge of Richard Welbeck is to be excepted.

And the said Thomas Cope did then promise to deale kindly with Henry Walker, a tennant to parte of the premisses, and to lett him a lease of that parte thereof which he nowe holdes, not advancinge his rent above 5*s.* in the yeare more then what he nowe paies for the same.

This daie alsoe itt is ordered and agreed that Edward Fellowe, clothier, shall have fowerscore poundes of Mr. John Kendricke's guifte, upon his owne, his father Walter Fellowe, Richard Underwood and John Chandler their bond for repayment thereof, att nine yeares' end or within one yeare next after the daie of the deceasse of the said Edward Fellowe, which first shall happen.

Itt is likewise ordered and agreed that the said Edward Fellowe, Walter Fellowe, Richard Underwood and John Chandler shall give bond to provide newe securitie for the payment of the same fowerscore poundes in case the said Walter Fellowe, Richard

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Underwood and John Chandler, or any of them, shall happen to die before the money become due, or otherwise paie in the same within three monethes next after demand.

Henry Patie, being convented before Mr. Mayor and the Company present, was required to find sureties to be bound for him by recognizance, that from henceforth he shall drawe noe more beere without licence, which he refused, and thereupon was committed to the Counter.

Fridaie, the seaven and twentith daie of February, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

Mr. Cope informinge the Company that the new Mace cannott be brought to Readinge before Mundaie next, by reason everythinge fittinge thereunto cannot be finished before to-morrowe night, itt is agreed that John Bartlett, the Serjeant, shall to-morrowe goe to London and take charge of the Mace there and bring itt home with him on Mundaie next.

[p. 112.] Wenesdaie, the seaventeenth daie of March, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

This daie Widowe Palmer was chosen to have a place in one of Mr. Barnard Harrison's almes-houses in the roome of Widowe Holmes, deceassed.

Att this daie John Dandridg desired the Company to accept of x*li.* from his father Richard Dandridge, and to discharge him

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of the bond for payment of xxv*li.* wherein he standes bound with Joseph Easte unto the Company; answered that the Company cannot discharge the said Richard Dandridge without the payment of the wholle fine and twentie poundes.

Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the nineteenth daie of March, anno Domini 1651.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Richard Birch *, Robert James *, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades *.

This daie Mr. Fowler and Mr. Foord acquainted the Company that there is great disorders continually in the gaole by reason of the Gaoler's keeping a common alehouse there; ordered that applicacion be made to the Justices of the Countie by some of the Company att the next Sessions for some redresse to be had therein.

This daie Mr. Thomas Harrison peticioned for a further estate in that parte of John A-Larder's landes he nowe holdes; resolved upon the question, that his desire shall not be granted in regard he hath formerly refused to take a new lease, and the Company are minded, for any-thinge they knowe, not to grante any further lease of the said landes, till the estate in beinge falls.

Agreed that Robert Westmerlande's new lease of a house opposite the Hospitall att the upper end of Frier Streete, upon the surrender of his old lease, shalbe sealed next Quarter-daie, and the rent by him arreare for the said house untill and att Ladie-daie next is allowed him, in consideracion of his charges to be bestowed in the repaire of the said house.

* Marked as absent.

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[p. 113.] This daie a perticuler of the charges of the new Mace was presented to the Company as followeth:

	li.	s.	d.
One silver and guilt Mace weighinge 91½ oz., att 9*s.* 9*d.* per oz., comes to . . .	44	12	00
John Bartlett the Serjeante's charges in his journey to London and bringing the Mace to Readinge is	00	14	10
The case for the Mace . . .	00	07	06
For carriage of the old Mace to London and bringing downe the new Mace case and for Mr. Mayor, Mr. Hollowaie and Mr. Cope's charges	00	13	00
In all	46	07	4
The price for the old Mace is . . .	14	07	00
And there is allowed by Mr. Daniell Wylmer towardes John Bartlette's charges in fetching the new Mace	00	06	08
	14	13	08

The residue beinge 31*li.* 13*s.* 08*d.*, itt is agreed shalbe paid by Mr. Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, out of the xlij*li.* fine, which Mr. Thomas Cope is to paie for his lease.

This daie Mr. Thomas Cope's lease of the tenementes in Old Ward, formerly agreed on, was sealed.

Agreed that speedie consideracion shalbe had for the recovery of the 50*li.* oweing by Willyam Parr and others, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money.

Wenesdaie, the fower and twentith daie of March, anno Domini 1651.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward.

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Upon the motion of Mr. Walter Knight to have eleaven poundes paid him for charges in lawe, in the suite of the Widowe Aires against Mr. Thomas Thackham, unto him due more then what he hath alreadie receaved from the said Mr. Thackham, itt is ordered and agreed that the Chamberlen, as soone as he shalbe in purse, shall paie unto the said Mr. Knight the summe of eight poundes, in full of all charges to him due in the said suite.

Agreed that a letter be written to Mr. Hannes, of South Stoke, to desire him to give the Company a meetinge on Wenesdaie next, to treate touchinge the settlinge of Mr. Palmer's guifte.

Agreed that xxx*s.* laid out by Mr. William Knight towardes the placing of Grigorie's boye apprentice with Hartwell, the weaver, shalbe allowed him out of the 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* he owes for interest of 100*li.*, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money.

[p. 114.] Tuesdaye, the thirtith daie of March, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Mr. Willyam Milles havinge byn th'elder Chamberlen by the space of 3 yeares last past did this day deliver uppe his accompte in writing of all such monies as he receaved and disbursed in the said three yeares, which accompt was allowed of by the Company.

Agreed that the Chamberlens shall viewe the reparacions of the Woolhall and see whether the goodes mencioned in the schedull annexed to the lease are there, and they are appointed to make reporte thereof to the Company.

Mundaie, the twelveth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. William Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

This daie James Hall was elected an Attorney in the Court

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of Pleas of the Borough of Readinge, in the roome of Mr. John Cornwall late deceassed, and did then take oath to execute the said office accordingly.

Wenes[d]aie, the fourteenth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Agreed that a speedie and effectuall course in lawe be taken against divers persons that owe divers parcells of Mr. Kendricke's and other monies for the recovery thereof, and that Mr. Mayor doe give order for sending for proces against them accordingly.

Alsoe agreed that a speedie course be taken to arrest Christopher Lyford for the rent oweing by him for the Charitable uses.

The Company agreed to accept of v*li.* from the Widowe Baker, in full, for the arreares of rent due from her husband, Thomas Baker, late deceassed, in his life-time unto the Hall.

Joseph East and John Dandridge againe appeared and desired the Company to accept of x*li.* from Richard Dandridg, and to discharge him of the bond by which he standes bond with Joseph Easte unto the Hall; answered that the Company will not make any conclusion without payment of the whole debt and charges.

[p. 115.] Good Fridaie, the sixeteenth daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewen.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Richard Birch, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley.

At this daie the examinacion and eleccion of the 3 poore Maidservantes to cast lottes for the twentie nobles (parte of

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Mr. John Blagrave's guifte) was in this manner, in each parish one, according to the will of the donor, vizt.

1. In St. Lawrence parish, Dammaris Norcott, servant to Thomas Phillippes nine yeares and a quarter.
2. In St. Marie's parish, Ellinor Dandridge, servant to the Widowe Froome eight yeares.
3. In St. Giles' parish, Elizabeth Pocock, servant to William Castle, whoe cast lottes the last yeare, but mist.

And afterwardes the said three Maidservantes did cast the lottes, to witt:

			li.	*s.*	*d.*
1. Dammaris Norcott	9.				
2. Ellinor Dandridge	10,	wan the lott,	6	13	4
3. Elizabeth Pocock	7.				

This daie Willyam Mylam, tennant to Mr. John Blagrave's land (out of which x*li.* is yssueinge to be disposed this daie accordinge to the direccions of the said Mr. Blagrave's will), brought onely 9*li.* 5*s.* 8*d.* and refused to paye any more; whereupon itt is agreed that speedie course shalbe used to take the advantage of the said will against the tenant or tenantes of the same land, for refusing to paie the wholle x*li.* according to the direccion of the donor, and in the meane-time Richard Birch, Chamberlen, by direccion of the Company laid downe xiiij*s.* iiij*d.* to make uppe even x*li.*

The distribucion of which said sume of x*li.* was in this manner, to witt:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Ellinor Dandridge, whoe did this daye win the lott	6	13	04
To the Preacher this daie . . .	0	10	00
To the Wardens of St. Lawrence parish, for 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Marie's parish, for 60 poore weomen, 4*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	00
To the Wardens of St. Giles' parish, for 24 poore weomen, 3*d.* a-peice . . .	0	06	00
To the Junior Church-Warden of St. Lawrence [parish]	0	03	04
To the Clerke and Sexton there . .	0	06	08
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	00	08
In all	10	00	00

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Att this daie alsoe Richard Hollowaye and Ralph Avelin, two poore young men that had served their apprentishippes within this Borough, that had served their apprentishippes with their Masters and their termes expired since the deceasse of John Eyres, were chosen to have xl*s.* a-peice of the guifte of the said John Eyres according to the direccions of his will.

[p. 116.] And the wholle five poundes of the guifte of the said John Eyres, accordinge to his deed, was distributed in this manner, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Richard Hollowaye . .	02	00	00
To the said Ralph Avelin . . .	02	00	00
To 7 poore laboringe men in St. Lawrence parish, xij*d.* a-peice	00	07	00
To 7 poore laboringe men in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice	00	07	00
To 6 poore laboringe men in St. Marie's parish, xij*d.* a-peice	00	06	00
In all	05	00	00

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. William Brackstone's guifte was this daie distributed as his will directeth, viz[t].

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 60 poore Widowes in St. Lawrence parish .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in St. Marie's parish .	1	00	00
To 60 poore weomen in St. Giles' parish . .	1	00	00
To xx poore men, to witt, 7 in St. Lawrence parish, 7 in St. Marie's parish and 6 in St. Giles' parish, xij*d.* a-peice . . .	1	00	00
In all	4	00	00

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Willyam Legge's guifte was distributed to 24 poore Housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, to witt:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To eight in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	06	8
To eight in St. Marie's parish . . .	1	06	8
To eight in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	06	8
In all	4	00	0

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Alsoe three poundes of Widowe Worsleye's guifte was distributed to threescore poore Widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, to witt:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 25 in St. Giles' parish . . .	1	05	0
To 25 in St. Lawrence parish . . .	1	05	0
To 10 in St. Marie's parish . . .	0	10	0
In all	3	00	00

Wenesdaie, the eight and twentith daie of Aprill, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Richard Birch.

This daie James Higges and John Sparrowe desired to be tennantes to the land nowe in the occupacion of Christopher Lyford att the old rent of l*s.* per annum, and they would give 5*s.* to the poore; answered that some course shalbe taken to evict Lyford and then the suiters shall have the same land upon those termes before another.

Agreed that Mr. Henry Fruin's securitie shalbe accepted insteed of Edward Parsons', to be bound for the payment of 25*li.* oweing by George Lamport, parte of Richard Johnson's money.

[p. 117.] This daie Edward Clayton, laborer, desired to take a lease of the tenement att Old Yeldhall, late in the occupacion of Mr. John Dewell or his assignes, and promised to repaire and make the house tenantable; agreed that if the said Edward shall speedilie repaire the same, that then he shall have a lease thereof att xxx*s.* rent per annum from Ladie-daie last, for xxj yeares or for 3 lives, att his choice.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall take forth proces this terme against Christopher Lyford, Richard Mayne, Thomas Isdell, Robert Fermer, James Hamblen, [*blank*] Deane, Thomas Richardson, Richard Maine, Edward Evans and Thomas Paice, for certen rentes and summes of money oweing by them to the Hall.

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Wenesdaie, the twelveth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Richard Alright, [Assistant.]

This daie Richard Purnell was wished speedilie to restore the loombe which he had of Peter Clerke, out of Mr. Kendricke's workehouse, which loome the said Thomas Purnell did then confesse to have in his custodie, [1] but said that he gave the said Peter Clerke iij*li.* within ij*s.* for the same.

Edward Kent this daie desired some abatement of the 11*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* he owes to the Company for interest of 100*li.*, parte of Mr. Kendricke's common stock; resolved upon the question that the said Edward Kent shall paie but ix*li.* thereof, which ix*li.* was presently paid by the said Edward Kent unto Richard Alright, Chamberlen.

John Rose, clothier, was this daie a suiter for 50*li.*, parte of Mr. Kendricke's money, to be lent for 3 yeares upon good securitie; agreed that the said John Rose shall have 50*li.* of the said money as soone as it shalbe brought in.

Wenesdaie, the nineteenth daie of Maye, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Richard Alright, [Assistant.]

Agreed that a course shalbe taken against the tennant of Doctor Swaddon's land att Sinckleborowe, for the recovery of the rent due to the poore.

[1] but saith, but said, MS.

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Agreed that James Higges and John Sparrowe shall have a lease of the land nowe in the occupacion of Christopher Lyford, upon the termes formerly proposed, soe soone as Lyford shall leave the same.

[p. 118.] Whereas there was formerly an order for 80*li.*, parte of the rentes and proffittes of the landes and tenementes purchased with parte of Mr. John Kendricke's common stock, to be lent to Roger Steevens, clothier, for x yeares, itt is nowe agreed that in perfourmance of the said order 80*li.* of the rentes and proffittes aforesaid shalbe lent to the said Roger Steevens for x yeares (gratis) upon good securitie, accordinge to the direccions of the decree.

This daie Roger Sherfeild, one of the Overseeres for the Poore of the parish of St. Mary, desired to have the promise of the Company for x*li.*, parte of the Archbishoppe's guifte, to be bestowed in the placinge of William Collins, a poore boye, apprentice with John Filpe; answered that if he bringe the boye att Michaellmas, when the rest of the youthes are chosen to have the benefitt of the said guift, itt shalbe taken into consideracion.

Robert James, one of the Assistantes, was this daie sworne to execute the office of Chamberlen within this Borough, in the place of Richard Birch, late deceassed.

Wenesdaie, the sixe and twentith daie of Maye, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Robert James.

Resolved upon the question, that if Christopher Lyford by this daie senight will paie all his arrerages of rent charges in lawe, and bringe Mr. House to be bound for payment of his rent for the future, that then he shall have longer time in the landes he nowe holdes, otherwise not.

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James Higges and John Sparrowe were referred for a full resolucion touchinge the said landes, till this daie senight, att which time Lyford is to give his positive answer in the premisses.

Agreed that the suite against Richard Maine shalbe staid, soe as hee forthwith assigne over his lease of the Woolhall to the Chamberlens, for securitie of payment of the summe of tenn poundes in full of his arrerages of rent in this manner, to witt, 5*li.* att Bartholmew-tide next, and other five poundes att Ladie-daie next, and give bond of xx*li.* to performe covenantes.

Mr. John Webb is appointed to goe to Alesbury on Tuesdaie next, to treate with the rest of the feoffees of Doctor Swaddon's guifte, and to take course with them for the settlement of the landes of Doctor Swaddon's guifte in the handes of an able tennant, to the end that the rent maye be better paid in time to come.

This daie the Company accepted of 35*s.* from Goodie Deane in full of xl*s.* due from the executors of her husband, parte of Mr. Martin's money.

[p. 119.] Wenesdaie, the second daie of June, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Willyam Belchamber, Robert James, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades.

This daie itt is ordered and agreed that Roger Steevens, clothier, shall have fowerscore poundes, parte of the rentes and proffittes of Mr. John Kendricke's landes, for the terme of x yeares, upon his owne, Mr. George Wooldridge, John Blower and Samuell Watlington's bond for repayment thereof att tenn yeares' end, the bondes to be made as Edward Fellowe's bondes for the 80*li.* lent to him were.

Agreed that James Higges, cordweyner, and John Sparrowe, linnen-weaver, shall have a lease of the tenemente and landes nowe in the holdinge of Christopher Lyford and Widowe Horwood, for the terme of fowerscore and nineteene yeares (if James Higges,

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sonne of the said James, John Sparrowe and John his sonne, or any of them, shall soe longe live), att and under the yearely rent of liiij*s.* per annum, quarterly to be paid, the lease to begin att Michaelmas next.

The lessees have agreed to give bond to erect and buyld in and upon some parte of the premisses a dwellinge-house, conteyninge 3 lowe roomes and one upper roome.

This daie Robert Creed was elected one of the Assistantes to this Corporacion in the roome and steed of Richard Birch, tanner, late deceassed.

Christopher Lyford made noe appearance this daie, but his wife came and desired further time and respitt, which the Company in regard of the said Christopher Lyforde's ill dealinge with them would not grante.

Mundaie, the seaventh daie of June, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Thorne, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades.

This daie Mr. Mayor communicated to the Company a letter sent to him by Mr. Christopher Pack intimating that, upon a Commission now executinge in London for Charitable uses, there is an intencion to enquire into the managment of the stock given to this Towne by Mr. John Kendrick; agreed that Mr. Wylmer shall speedily make and bring in to the Company a perticüler of the disposing of the 7500*li.* stock given by Mr. John Kendrick to this Towne.

[p. 120.] Wenesdaie, the tenth daie of June, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. William Milles.

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Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope.

Order was this daie given to Mr. Walter Knight to forbeare the Scire facias against Mr. Willyam Cantrell till further order.

Mundaie, the one and twentith daie of June, 1652, Quarter-daie.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope *, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley *, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades, Roger Steevens, Robert Creed.

This daie Roger Steevens and Robert Creed, formerly chosen Assistantes to this Corporacion, did take their severall oathes to execute the said office accordingly.

This daie Richard Hill, a poore old man livinge in St. Giles' parish in Readinge, was elected to have one of Sir Thomas Vachell's almes-houses in the roome of John Cleere, late deceassed.

Agreed that John Rose, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money (gratis) for three yeares, upon his owne, Richard Feild, James Marlowe and Robert Pigeon their bond for repayment thereof att three yeares' end.

Alsoe agreed that John Pearse, clothier, shall have 25*li.* of Mr. Ironside's money, upon his owne, John Booth of Barkham, John Wylder of Sulham, and Roger Stevens of Reading, their bond for repayment thereof att three yeares' end.

Agreed that Richard Reddatt shall have the yearely salary of xl*s.* for executinge the office of Marshall within this Borough.

Alsoe agreed that John Jerome for executinge his offices shall have x*s.* more allowed him yearely, for wages, then what is nowe allowed by the Chamberlen's rolle.

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This daie James Higges and John Sparrowe their lease of the landes in the holdinge of Christopher Lyford, or his assignes, was sealed.

Divers forreynours appeared before the Company and were warned to departe the Towne. Vide le file.

[p. 121.] Wenesdaie, the three and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Robert James, [Assistant.]

Agreed that a taxe shalbe forthwith made for the collecting of tenn poundes within this Borough for defrayeing of the charge of carrieing cripples and other charges which the Constables have expended in the execucion of their office.

This daie John Cule made oath that Henry Patie, tayler, did the last weeke sell beere in his house.

Agreed that Richard Stockwell, salter, shall have 25*li.* of Mr. Ironside's money for 4 yeares, gratis, upon his owne, Richard Hussey, junior, Thomas Merriott and Mr. Thomas Curtis their bond for repayment thereof att 4 yeares' end.

This daie Mr. John Webb paid unto Robert James, Chamberlen, the summe of viij*li.* of the receiptes of Doctor Swaddon's guifte, to witt, 4*li.* for one yeare's rent and iiij*li.*, parte of the old arreares, and itt is agreed that out of the said viij*li.* the said Robert James shall paie unto the said John Webb such charges as he hath byn att in his journey to Alesbury about the said guifte.

Mundaie, the eight and twentith daie of June, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Willyam Milles.

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Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Richard Alright, Robert James, Samuell Jemmott, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades, Robert Creed.

This daie Edward Wylmer, the younger, was admitted Towne Clerke to this Corporacion in the roome of Edward Wylmer, th'elder, and did then take oath to execute the said office accordingly.

Nicholas Lanfeare made oath that Henry Patie (although supprest) did aboute fourteene daies since sell stronge beere contrary to the statute.

[p. 122.] Thirsdaie, the first daie of July, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

This daie Edward Wylmer, the younger, was chosen to execute the office of Coroner within this Borough, and did then take his oath to performe the said office accordingly.

Alsoe Nicholas Lanfeare was chosen to execute the office of Scavenger, clenser of the grates, and sweeper of the Markett within this Towne, for one whole yeare from Michaellmas next, and shall have an allowance of x*li.* therefore.

Wenesdaie, the seventh daie of July, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Milles.

This daie Richard Stampe, one of the Constables of this Borough, complayned against Willyam Greenwaie for sufferinge men to sitt drinking and tiplinge in his house upon the Lorde's-daies.

And the said Willyam Greenwaie beinge convented before Mr. Mayor and the Company, was prohibited to keepe alehouse or use common selling of ale or beere any longer, and was warned to

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provide sureties this daie to be bound by recognizance to that purpose.

Daniell Glasse, George Wilson and Robert Kenton this daie made oath, that Edward Golde of Reading, tayler, hath lately solde beere contrary to the statute, which Edward Golde, beinge likewise convented and prohibited to keepe common selling of ale or beere any longer, was likewise warned to provide sureties to be bound that he shall use noe common selling of beere without licence.

This daie Henry Earlette's securitie for 25*li.* of Mr. Ironside's guifte was accepted of, viz[t].

Joseph Claver, alias Lawrence, of Readinge, gent.

John Blackwell of Mappledirham, yeoman.

Edward Webb of Wokingham, clothworker.

[p. 123.] Wenesdaie, the fourteenth daie of July, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Samuell Jemmott, [Assistant.]

Ordered that Mr. Walter Knight doe forthwith effectually prosecute the writt of Scire facias against Mr. Willyam Cantrell.

This daie the coppie of Hugh Owen's complainte and the order for the appearance of the Mayor and Burgesses att the Guildhall (London) before the Commissioners for Charitable uses, were reade and debated.

Agreed that Richard Greene, joyner, shall have xx[tie] nobles of the lottery money, gratis, for five yeares upon good securitie.

Thirsdaie, the nine and twentith daie of July, anno Domini 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Harrison *,

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Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades *, Roger Steevens *, Robert Creed *.

Upon debate of the busines touchinge the accompt of the 7500*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guifte, accordinge to the orders of the Commissioners for Charitable uses, itt is resolved upon the question that Mr. Mayor, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb and Mr. Thomas Cope doe attend the Commissioners with th'accomptes on Tuesdaie next.

Upon debate of the suite brought by Charles Oakes against Mr. Burningham, Nicholas Lanfeare and John Bartlett, wherein a verdict passed against Nicholas Lanfeare and John Bartlett att the last Assizes for Berksheire, itt is ordered that Mr. Hales be reteyned and advysed with to move in arrest of judgment upon the said verdict, if he shall see cause, or ells to exhibite a bill in Chancery.

Richard Greene of Reading, joyner, Ursula Greene of Hurst, in the countie of Berkes, widowe, and Willyam Greene of the same, husbandman, are accepted for securitie of xx^tie nobles of the lottery money.

[p. 124.] Wenesdaie, the fourth daie of August, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Richard Alright, [Assistant.]

Agreed that Mrs. Hammond, John Blake, Thomas Wornam, Phillipp Smith, and [*blank*] Page, the sawyer, shalbe summoned to appeare att two of the clock in the afternoone to shewe cause whie they refuse to paie for watching in their turnes within this Borough.

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This daie Mr. Thomas Seakes was a suiter for a longer time in certen stables att the Old Yeldhall, which he holdes by lease from the Company; agreed that the Chamberlens doe forthwith view the same stables and make reporte thereof to the Company.

Resolved that Mr. Richard Alright, the Chamberlen, doe forthwith seize and take into his custodie the loome which goodman Purnell carried from Mr. Kendricke's workehouse.

Joseph Cope was a suiter for 80*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's guifte and nominated Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Thomas Cope and George Bent to be bound with him for repayment thereof.

Wenesdaie, the eleaventh daie of August, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Robert James, Willyam Beisley.

Resolved that Mr. Thomas Seakes his mocion for the reneweing of the estate in certen stables att Old Yeldhall be taken into consideracion next Quarterdaye.

Agreed that Richard Greenwaie, William Markham, and Robert Skeate, senior, be forthwith summoned to paie in the severall summes of money they owe unto the Hall.

[p. 125.] Tuesdaie, the three and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Richard Alright, Robert James.

Att this day Thomas Birch, executor of the last will and testament of his father Richard Birch, deceassed, (whoe departed this life

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during the time that he was Chamberlen for Charitable uses,) [did give up his account] of all such moneys as the said Richard Birch in his life time, by vertue of his office, and the said Thomas Birch since his deceasse, have receaved and disbursed to and for Charitable uses, which accompt was allowed of.

Wenesdaie, the fower and twentith daie of August, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Robert James, [Assistant.]

This daie a letter was sent by Mr. James to Mr. Hannes, of Southstoke, touching the settlement of xl*s.* per annum of Mr. Palmer's guifte, a coppie of which lettre is upon the file.

Upon Richard Feilde's mocion for his charges to be allowed him att Abbingdon Assizes, agreed that the same be paid him by the Chamberlen.

Agreed that Mr. Wylmer's billes touchinge the arrerages of his wages from the Towne shalbe taken into consideracion on Mundaie next.

Upon sight of the order for the changinge of Maydenhead markett, agreed that Nicholas Lanfeare, the Serjeant, doe make proclamacion thereof the next markett-daye in this Towne.

[p. 126.] Eleccion-daie, Mundaie, the thirtith daie of August, anno Domini 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee*, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

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Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades, Roger Steevens *, Robert Creed.

This daie the Mayor and Aldermen (by direccion of their Charter) did name three of the Aldermen to sitt in eleccion this present daie (being the last Mundaie in August) in their Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those 3 Aldermen (soe named) by the said Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes present this daie should bee elected Mayor of this Borough for the yeare next ensueinge, as in and by their Charter itt is required, vizt.

Mr. John Webb IIIIIIIII [9], IIIIIIIIIII [11], elected Mayor.

Mr. Henry Frewin.

Mr. Willyam Milles.

Att this daie alsoe the Mayor and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlens for the next yeare as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Richard Alright IIIIIIIIIIII [12].

Robert James IIIIIIIIIIII [12].

Upon consideracion this daye had touching the debtes oweinge by the Hall, itt was resolved upon the question that noe Mayor of this Borough shall have above xx*s.* per annum allowance for his fee untill the Hall be out of debt, by theise number of voices IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18].

Ordered that from henceforth the Aldermen, as often as they shall come to Church on Sabboath-daies betweene Michaelmas and Ladie-daie, and the Aldermen and Assistantes as often as they shall come to Hall, to any solemne meetinges on Quarter-daies, Eleccion-daies, Oath-daies and Court-daies, shall come decently apparrelled in their gownes, upon the forfeiture of two shillinges and sixepence for every defaulte.

Agreed that Mr. Wylmer's busines shalbe taken into consideracion next Wenesdaie senight.

Thomas Blower and Robert Creed were warned to provide themselves gownes against next Quarterdaie.

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[p. 127.] Upon the peticion of Henry Clayton, clothier, itt is agreed that the said Henry Clayton shall have 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's money (gratis) for 3 yeares upon his owne, Thomas Clayton, Robert Skeate th'elder, and another sufficient man's securitie for repayment thereof att 3 yeares' end.

Mr. Jemmott and Mr. Beisley are desired to move the Gentrie about the Towne for their allowance towardes the Lecture.

Wenesdaie, the eighth daie of September, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. John Webb, *elect,* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Richard Alright, [Assistant.]

This daie Mr. Thomas Curtis made request to Mr. Mayor and the Company for their assistance in leveling of the workes in the Forbury, whereby the Faires may be kept and the Inhabitantes of the Towne maye enjoy their priviledg as formerly; resolved that some effectuall course be taken therein.

Upon debate of Mr. Willmer's accomptes touching his arrerages of wages, defer'd till this daie senight, and the Company are to be warned to appeare att that time.

Wenesdaie, the fifteenth daie of September, anno Domini 1652.

Present,

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. John Webb, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaie, Mr. Henry Fruin.

Agreed that Richard Fellowe, clothier, shall have 50*li.* of the 500*li.* stock of Mr. Kendricke's guifte for three yeares (gratis) upon such securitie as the Company will accept.

This daie the Company accepted of John Mann to be securitie

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with Henry Clayton, Thomas Clayton, and Robert Skeate, senior, for 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money.

Resolved that the way betweene John Cule and John Winche's shoppe be chayned uppe, to prevent the comminge of cartes and waggons through Minster Streete.

Richard Reeves, clothier, was a suiter for 50*li.* of Mr. Kendricke's money, and is appointed to propounde his securitie for the same on next Quarterdaie.

The determinacion of Mr. Wylmer's accomptes referred till Quarterdaie.

[p. 128.] Quarterdaie, Fridaie, the xxiiij^th^ of September, anno Domini 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. John Webb *, *elect*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hallowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave *, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Robert James *, Joell Steevens *, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades, Roger Steevens *, Robert Creed.

This daie Mr. Foord, Minister of the parish of St. Lawrence in Readinge, made two proposalls, first, that Mr. Reeve, schoolemaster of the Freeschoole, maye have the allowance of xx*li.* per annum, which was formerly paid to his predecessours Doctor Bird and Mr. Page, secondly, that Richard Smith, the Sexton of St. Lawrence, maye have some allowance for ringing the Lecture bell; resolved that theise thinges be taken into consideracion some other time.

This daie the Tolle of the Markett for one yeare from Michaelmas next was lett unto Thomas Kinge, att and for the rent of fowerscore and tenn poundes, quarterlye to bee paid.

Ordered and agreed that proces shalbe sent for against all those that will not paie the moneys oweinge by them to the Hall uppon demaund.

Mr. Alright and Mr. James are appointed to goe to Whitchurch

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and to take possession of the tenemente and land nowe in the holding of Christofer Lyford, or his assignes, and to deliver the possession thereof unto James Higges and John Sparrock.

And att this daie Edward Shipwaie made humble suite to the Company to staye till the next yeare for a parte of the arrerages of rent from him due.

Resolved upon the question that the said Edward Shipwaie shall have libertie the next yeare to paie *7li.*, parte of his arreares, soe as he then assigne over his cropp for securitie thereof, and likewise of his rent.

[p. 129.] Mundaie, the fourth daie of October, anno Domini 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. Willyam Wylder, *Mayor.* Mr. John Webb, *elect*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Fruin, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott, Willyam Beisley, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades, Roger Steevens, Robert Creed.

Att this daie Robert Westmerlande's lease of a tenemente opposite the House of Correccion was sealed.

And at this daie Mr. Lewes and Mr. Aldworth, executors of the last will of Mr. [*blank*] Aldworth, offered to the Company that if they would accept of 4000*li.* of Mr. Aldworthe's guifte from Weavers' hall, they would assigne itt over, but the Company did not give consent to itt.

And att this daie Mr. Wylmer's accomptes were againe debated, and itt is agreed that Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, and Mr. John Harrison, or any three of them, shall conferr with Mr. Wylmer aboute the same, and afterwardes the Company will take some order therein.

Att this daie alsoe consideracion was had touchinge Mr. Foorde's proposall for an augmentacion of x*li.* per annum for Mr. Reeve,

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Schoolemaster, butt by reason of other busines, nothinge was resolved therein.

Att this daie Mr. John Webb the nowe elected Mayor, in the presence of his last predecessor Mayor and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes before-named, by direccions of the Charter and the Act of Parliament in that behalfe, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Mayor, Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough and the liberties thereof.

And then alsoe Mr. Willyam Wylder, the precedent Mayor, did take his oath to execute the office of a Justice of Peace within the said Borough and the liberties thereof duringe the terme of one wholle yeare next ensueinge.

And then alsoe Richard Alright and Robert James, beinge formerly chosen Chamberlaines, did take their oathes to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Mayor and Aldermen did nominate and appointe Constables and Wardens of and in the said Borough for this yeare, vizt.

Willyam Bennett Richard Hunt Roger Sherfeild	Constables, jurati.
[p. 130.] George Lamport John Stretch Richard Hellowes	Wardens of High Ward, jurati.
John Osgood Thomas Greenwaie	Wardens of Minster Ward, jurati.
John Kenton John Pearcey	Wardens of London Ward, jurati.
Willyam Kemble Richard Chandler	Wardens of Old Ward, jurati.
George Bent Willyam Hawtrell	Wardens of New Ward, jurati.

Thirsdaie, the seventh daie of October, anno Domini 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Mayor*. Mr. Peter Burningham * [and] Mr. Willyam Wylder, justices; Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Willyam

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Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridg, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Fruin *, Mr. Willyam Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniell Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Willyam Belchamber *, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joell Steevens, Samuell Jemmott *, Willyam Beisley *, Thomas Blower *, Willyam Oades, Roger Steevens, Robert Creed *.

Att this daie Mr. Willyam Page (sometime Schoolemaster to the Freeschoole within this Borough,) acquainted the Company that there was due unto him the allowance for officiatinge the Schoolemaster's office three quarters of a yeare and desired payment thereof, which beinge examined, itt appeares that Mr. Page receaved all his wages due to him att Michaelmas 1642, and in November followeinge the Kinge's Armye beinge in Towne, the Schoole was made a Magazin, and from that time forwardes Mr. Page never officiated as Schoolemaster there, and besides, aboute the yeare 1644, the said Mr. Page was actually sequestred by the Committee for Berksheire, and the Schoole committed to Mr. Thomas Pocock; upon which two groundes the said Mr. Page was aunswered that there is nothinge due unto him from the Company, and soe was dismissed.

Mr. John Harrison and John Reeves of Bentley, in the countie of Southampton, yeoman, are accepted for Richard Reeves' securitie for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guifte, to be lent 3 yeares (gratis).

[p. 131.] And att this the Court-Leete and Lawdaie for the said Borough of Reading was holden in the Guildhall of the said Borough before the Mayor, Aldermen and Steward there.

The names of the Jury.

Joell Steevens	sworne.	John Blake	sworne.
Willyam Ambrose		Willyam Douglas	
Stephen Attwater		Francis Browne	
Moses Willis		Daniell Gallant	
Andrew Binfeild		Willyam White	
Edward Burren		Richard Blissett	
John Bartlett		Francis Barnard	
Samuell Watlington		Richard Feilde	

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Joell Steevens
Willyam Ambrose
Stephen Attwater
Moses Willis
} assigned Affierers, and sworne.

The Jury are appointed to bringe in their presentmentes the last Wenesdaie in March next.

Solomon Barnard
Thomas Bartholmew } Fishtasters.

James Penn
John Simmons } Fleshtasters, jurati.

. . .
[*blank*]
. . . } Searchers and Overseers for true making of Wollen Cloth, sworne and bounde in xl*li.* a-peice.

James Hulbert
Jonas Hickes } Aletasters.

Willyam Sturdie
Willyam Cowdrie } Searchers and Seallers of Lether, jurati.

John Jerome
Richard Reddatt } Heywardes.

[p. 132.] Wednesday, the 20th of October, anno 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Thomas Cope, Richard Allright.

Upon the peticion of Widowe Creswell it is not thought fitt to certifie according to her desire, in regard the Company knowe not the truth thereof.

Upon the humble request of Joshua Johnson, it is agreed and resolved that upon the next avoydance by death or otherwise of an Atturnye's place in the Court of Pleas in this Borough hee shalbe admitted an Atturney in the said Court.

Suitours for one of Sir Thomas Vachell's almes-howses in the roome of old Hill, deceased.

John Evans IIIII [5].
John Knight.

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John Smith.
John Barker.
Reynald Holloway IIIIIII [7], elected.

Agreed that Thomas Cooper, broadweaver, shall have that boy apprentice, which was before appointed to be placed with John Elkins.

Agreed that upon the delivery of Edward Burren's bond to him hee shall seale a bill for payment of 5*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to the Company upon demand.

Henry Rawson, a stranger, who workes as a journeyman with John and Thomas Littleworth, is committed to prison for want of a certificate testifyeing his lawfull departure out of service.

Mathewe Hascker, a stranger, that workes with Mistris Stampe, hath liberty to produce his certificate within a fortnight.

Resolved that all those that owe any money due to the Hall shall paye in the same to the Chamberlaines before the end of the next terme, or els that speedy course in lawe be taken against them without any further delaye.

John Jenninges, a forreynor, that workes with[2] Mistris Stampe, saith hee came from Chesham, but hath noe certificate . . . } both committed.
Robert Crooke, a forreynour, that workes with Richard Goddard, saith hee came from Ushon[3] in Wiltes, but hath noe certificate . .

Barnard Wentworth, a forreynour, that workes with John Maulthus, saith hee came from Newbery, but hath noe certificate . . . } both committed.
Thomas Littleworth, that workes with William Castle, saith hee came from Newbery, but hath noe certificate . . . .

[p. 133.] This day John Maulthus desired to renue his lease of the Ortes.

Agreed by the consent of Nicholas Lanfeare that Phillipp Smith shall hold the office of Scavenger for halfe a yeare.

[2] to, MS. [3] Vshon, MS.

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Friday, the 22th of October, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joell Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed.

Upon the death of old Rowse, one of the Almes-men in Mr. Barnard Harison's Almes-howses, the said Rowse's daughter is appoynted to succeed him therein.

Suitours for the Almes-howse of John Alarder's, nowe void by the death of old Costen:

Thomas Underwood.
Jonas Hickes II.
Thomas Philpe IIII, elected.
Peter Clarke.
John Knight.
John Smith I.

Agreed that Costen's wife shall have the 20*s.*, parte of the 5*li.* due for gownes to John Alarder's almes-men.

Resolved that the 5*li.* due at Michaelmas last to buy gownes for John Alarder's almes-men be distributed in money.

Upon the complaint of Robert Poore that there are divers goodes which were lately his and by him delivered into the custodie of Francis Lawrence, in trust, being forfeited to the Corporacion upon his conviccion and attaynder, &c., Mr. Maior and Mr. Burningham resolved to heare the busines on Munday next.

Agreed that a letter be written to Mr. Handes for the setling of the 40*s.* a yeare of Mr. Palmer's guift, for Mr. James to carry with him on Munday next; Mr. Handes' former promise of doeing something in the busines after harvest to be urged in the lettre.

* Marked as absent.

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[p. 134.] Satterday, the 30th of October, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq. Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joell Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stephens, Robert Creed *.

Debate was had concerning the difference betweene Charles Oakes and the Serjeantes; whereupon Mr. Blagrave resolveth to goe to London on Munday next to make stay of the execucion and Nicholas Lanfeare is to attend him.

[p. 135.] Wensday, the 10th of November, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

George Blackman, convented for some misdemeanours before Mr. Maiour and Mr. Burningham, did in their hearing sweare by his troth, and upon his refusall to pay his forfeiture and for want of sureties is committed to the Compter.

A licence graunted to Henry Earlett to keepe alehouse.

Upon the debate concerning the 600*li.* demaunded by Mr. Harrison of the Corporacion, Mr. Burningham is appointed to goe to London to advise with Mr. Blagrave and Mr. Knight about the same.

Mr. Wilmer's proposall touching the monyes which hee supposeth to be due to him is well liked, but defer'd till another time to be determined.

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Agreed that Thomas Underwood, upon the securitie of himselfe, Richard Underwood, his brother and Thomas Underwood, and Richard Cox of Wallingford, shall have 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift of 500*li.* to be lent to Clothiers 3 yeares, gratis.

Henrie Rawson, clothworker, being a forreynour and convented before the Maior and Aldermen, produced a certificate from the Maiour and Justices of the Peace of Coventry, testifyeing his lawfull departure from his Master, Joseph Whitmore; and hee produced alsoe another certificate from the Clothworkers there.

A copie of the peticion to the Parliament concerning Mr. John Kenricke's guift to be transcribed for Mr. Burningham.

John Paise, cardmaker, for 40*s.* composicion, is to be admitted a freeman of the Borough, payeing the money within a fortnight.

Agreed that a lettre be sent to Colonel Barksteed touching Mr. Thomas Harrison's busines, Mr. Burningham to wayte upon him.

Agreed that a lettre be sent from Mr. Maiour to Mr. William Filmore, touching the 15*li.* due to the Corporacion by Mr. William Turnour, deceased.

[p. 136.] Munday, the 22th of November, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed *.

This day Thomas Cope brought in the copie of the decree touching Mr. John Kenricke's guift of 7500*li.* with his will, in print, an[d] a copie of the account and an acquittance for 20*s.* paid at London about that busines.

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Debate was had concerning Mr. Harrison's proceedinges about the 600*li.*, which hee supposes to have lent to the Corporacion, whereupon it is agreed that Mr. Frewin doe attend Colonel Barksteed at London in order to the proceedinges about that busines.

Agreed that as an addition to the clause in the Chartre for extruding of forreynours some wordes be desired to be inserted to this effect, that noe person or persons shall directly or indirectly keepe or use any shopp or housroomth within the said Borough for buyeing or selling any wares or comodities there, or use any kinde of trade, mistery or occupacion within the said Borough, not having served seaven yeares as[3] an apprentice there, whereof Mr. Blagrave to have notice.

Agreed that a copie of Mr. Blagrave's lease of Southcott lodge be written out and delivered to Mr. Frewin.

Some debate about Mr. Aldworth's will.

Agreed that the Cucking-stole be sett in the Markett-place and chayned to the Pillory.

Agreed that the Howse of Correccion be viewed in order to the reparacions thereof.

[p. 137.] Wensday, the 24th of November, 1652.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder.

Phillipp Smith, the Scavenger, sent for and reprehended for permitting the Markett-place to lye soe foule, promised to amend the same.

Nicholas Lanfeare appointed to demand a mare in the custody of John Winch, supposed to be a felon's goodes.

Thomas Williams, convented before the Justices and charged by the Constables to keepe disorders in his howse, hee humbly desired the favor of the Justices towardes him and promised to keepe noe disorder in his howse for time to come.

A warrant made to distraine x*s.* of John Mersham for tipling in an alehouse on Sunday senight.

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Monday, the 29th of November, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills *.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *.

Goodwife Parr, wife of William Parr, this day acquainted the Company that her husband had obtained a decree in Chancerie for enjoyeing of the land called Great Midlams, in Sulhampsted, against Mr. Brackston's mortgage and desires that the Corporacion would accept of the purchase thereof according to a former agreement, and produced an injunction to stay Mr. Brackston's proceedings at lawe (but produced not the decree); answered that when they shalbe satisfied concerning the title and that it may be quietly enjoyed they would declare their resolucion.

This day Henrie Bennett brought in 3*li.* 10*s.*, parte of Mr. Marten's gift formerly lent to Thomas Frewin.

[p. 138.] Wensday, the 8th of December, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt,

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William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed.

Widow Clarke licensed to keepe alehouse.

Voted that Mr. Reeve, the Scholmaster, shalbe permitted, with the consent of James Winch, to hold parte of the dwelling-house of Mr. John Kendrick's guift for his present habitacion untill hee can otherwise accomodate himselfe with a dwelling-howse; and Mr. Thackham and Mr. Frewin are appointed to goe with Mr. Reeve and to sett out what roomes may be spared and are convenient for his use.

Wensday, the 15th of December, 1652.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Richard Holloway.

Elizabeth Johnson, widowe, licenced to keepe alehouse.

Agreed that William Noakes be licensed when hee hath taken a poore boy apprentice from the parishe.

William Wooddes, with the woman sent prisoner from Windsor, being convented and examined touching money supposed to be taken from the said woman by the said William Wooddes, shee denyeth that ever hee tooke any money from her or did her any wrong.

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[p. 140.] Wensday, the 22th of December, 1652.[4]

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed.

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[4] Perhaps p. 141 of MS. should precede p. 140.

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Resolved that henceforth the accomptes for Charitable uses shalbe yearely published in the open Hall as formerly.

This day iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's gift was distributed to 24 poore housholders of this Corporacion, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.

8 in St. Lawrence.
8 in St. Marie's.
8 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe six shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guifte were distributed to 6 poore people of this Corporacion.

2 in St. Lawrence.
2 in St. Marie's.
2 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe ten waskottes of Mr. Iremonger's guift were distributed to tenn poore people of this Corporacion.

3 in St. Lawrence.
4 in St. Marie's.
3 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. Hamlin's gift, was distributed to ten poore old men of the Towne, 8*s.* a-peice, vizt.

4 in St. Laurence, whereof 1 butcher.
3 in St. Marie's.
3 in St. Giles'.

This daie's proceedinges should have been entred after the next followeing.

[p. 141.] Quarter-day, Fridaye, the 17th of December, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, Willyam Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *.

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A lettre received from John Parr of the 16th instant, upon debate whereof agreed that when he shall paye the 50*li.* to the Company, or give good security to their likeing for payment thereof, they will then signifie their resolucion touching the sale of the land and not before.

Goody Floyd, daughter of Richard Wheeler, deceased, who inhabiteth in the house formerly leased to him for 99 yeares by Mr. Nicholas Gunter, desireth shee may hold the plott of grounde thereunto adjoyning, with the aforesaid howse, att xij*s.* per annum, during the pleasure of the Company.

Mathewe Woolfe, having 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift, due the 25th of July, 1655, and Thomas Froome, one of his sureties, being dead, hee is required to finde another suretie in the roome of the said Thomas Froome.

Upon the peticion of Charles Crowder his wife, [she] is advised to repaire to the Overseers for the Poore of St. Marie's and make knowne her case to them.

Upon the peticion of James Hulbert and Jonas Hickes, desireing the charitable benevolence of the Company, answered that when any profitt comes by their presentmentes (as Aletasters) they shalbe considered.

Upon the request of Mr. Thomas Seikes, for a lease of 3 lives of a tenement, 2 stables and a backside at old Yeldhall, formerly lett to Mr. Jenninges and now determinable on one life, at 53*s.* 4*d.* per annum, agreed that hee shall have the same for 99 yeares, determinable on 3 lives at iij*li.*, per annum, to which he condiscended.

Upon the mocion of the Constables to be reinbursed the monies laid out by them in releife of maymed Soldiers, &c., resolved that the last Constables doe bring in their accountes on Wensdaye fortnight and then to consider further of the busines.

Upon the peticion of Judith Johnson, Mr. Maiour hath given order to the Chamberlen for Charitable uses for payment of 3*s.* 4*d.* to her towardes her releife.

Upon the humble request of Goody Browne of St. Giles' parishe, desireing some releife, Mr. Maior and Mr. Burningham resolve to convent the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Poore there to shewe cause why they doe not releive her.

Upon the humble desire of Richard Jones, stationer, agreed that

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for 40*s.* composicion besides the accustomed fee of 6*s.* 10*d.* hee shalbe admitted into the liberty and freedome of this Borough.

[p. 142.] Upon the peticion of the Clarke and Sexten of Lawrence parishe, for allowance for their extraordinary attendance Quarter-daies, Lecture-daies and Satterdaies, agreed (att present) that 10*s.* be paid them by the Chamberlen for the Hall revenues.

This daie Mr. James (Chamberlen for Charitable uses) passed his account for 12 weekes ending at Michaelmas last, which is allowed by the Company.

Part of Mr. William Kendrick's will was this daye read.

This daie's proceedinges should have been entred before the next precedent.

[p. 143.] Wensday, the 5th of January, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Willyam Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, William Belchamber *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *.

This daye lettres of licence were presented from James Winch to the Company to be signed, for his liberty for seaven yeares, but upon consideracion thereof the Company thinkes not fitt to subscribe.

This day Mr. Walter Blagrave, sonne of Edward Blagrave, gent., in the behalfe of himselfe and Mistris Marie Deane, his sister, demaunded of the Company 50*li.* a-peice supposed to be due unto them by the last will and testament of Mr. John Blagrave, late of Southcott lodge, deceased, and threatneth to take course at lawe against the Company for the recovery of the said legacies.

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Thomas Littleworth, clothworker, (a stranger) hath liberty for the space of a month next comming to depart the Towne and to returne to his wife and children to Newbery.

William Markham, that hath 25*li.* (of Mr. Ironseed's gift) in his handes, due upon bond to the Company long since, promiseth to bring in the money next weeke; resolved that if hee faile soe to doe then the bond shall be putt in suite.

Mr. Knight to be consulted with, in order to the proceedinges for the recovery of the rent at Swallowfeild of Mr. Blagrave's gift.

11° January, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin.

The 3 weomen put in eleccion, vizt.
Widowe Greenwood IIII [4].
Widowe Dawson IIIIII [6].
Widowe Nevill.

Whereof the said Widowe Dawson is elected an Almes-woman in Mr. William Kendricke's Almes-howse in the roome of Widowe Nurton, late deceased.

12° January, 1652.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Burningham.

The lease to Mr. Barnard Harrison of parte of John Alarder's land, being ended at the decease of Mr. Thomas Harrison, divers persons tenantes to the same desired to take estates of the partes they hold therein, vizt. William Bennett, Leonard Welbecke [5].

Richard Stampe, Thomas Goade, William Ambrose — Constables, delivered in their accounts touching the taxe for releife of maymed Soldiers, &c.

[5] Mathewe Jones, *crossed through here.*

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[p. 144.] Wensday, the 19th of January, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, Willyam Oades.

Mr. Maior, Mr. Burningham, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Frewin, Samuel Jemmatt and William Beislye, and the two Chamberlaines, or any fower of them, are appoynted to viewe and survey the howses of John A-Larder's gift in the Old Ward, lately in lease to Mr. Thomas Harrison, now deceased.

Wensday, the 26th of January, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Richard Allright, William Beislye.

William Reeves, a stranger journyman, workeing with Robert Payse, cardmaker, is warned to depart the Towne within one weeke next comming.

Agreed that proces at lawe be forthwith taken out and pursued against these persons, vizt. those presented to Mr. Maior, but upon further consideracion defer'd till the end of the terme.

Agreed that John Bartlett, William Belchamber, jun. . . . Henry Head, Samuel Watlington . John Chandler, John Osgood . } doe collect the contribucions for the weekly Lecture.

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Agreed that Joseph Cleere shall have 5*li.* of Richard Johnson's gift with his apprentice Thomas Breamer, upon his 2 brothers' security of repayment.

Agreed alsoe that William Noakes shall have 5*li.* with a poore apprentice, upon security of repayment.

Agreed that a poore boy of St. Lawrence parishe be placed with John Lambe, baker.

[p. 145.] Wensday, the 9th of February, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *.

A lettre received from Walter Blagrave openly read and debated, whereupon a verball answere is given to John Blagrave, brother to the said Walter, to this effect, that the Company, the better to enable them to performe the trust reposed in them by Mr. John Blagrave in and by his last will, did formerly seale a lease of ejectment upon Southcott land to recover it at lawe into their owne handes, but Mr. Blagrave, the executor, moved the proceedinges at lawe into the Chancerie, where the Company were put to greate charges and expences in exhausting the Hall revenues and yet could not bring the cause to any heareing, where it yet resteth. And the Company being willing, as much as in them lyeth, to act according to the intencion of the will, resolve that if the parties concerned will disburse the charges of reviving and further prosecuting the suite they will act therein as farr as to lawe and justice apperteyneth.

John Jemmatt and William Noakes licenced to keepe alehouse.

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James Higgs and John Sparrucke, being joint-tennantes of the land att Whitchurch, of Mr. Lane's gift, letten to them by the Company for 99 yeares, determinable on 3 lives, the said James Higgs and John Sparrucke did nowe surrender their lease thereof to the Company, to the intent that the said John Sparrucke should retake the said land in his owne name for 99 yeares, determinable on 3 lives, at the rent and covenantes contained in the said lease, giveing his owne bond to performe covenantes; agreed accordingly.

Mathewe Jones againe desired to have a lease of the tenement which hee liveth in, at the former rent of 5*li.* 10*s.*; resolved that the Chamberlaines doe viewe it and report it to the Company.

Agreed that the booke wherein Mr. John Blagrave's will is inserted be delivered to Mr. Ford for a weeke.

Phillipp Snell, a cardmaker, that workes as a journyman with John Payse, produced a certificate from the Maior and Inhabitantes of the Borough of the Devizes, of his serving an apprenticeshipp there, and his lawfull departure from thence.

[p. 146.] Wensday, the 16th of February, 1652.

[Aldermen.]

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. George Wooldridge.

Stephen Bigges prohibited from keeping alehowse any longer.

A peticion exhibited by Thomas Potter, desireing to be toleman for cattle; to be considered.

[p. 147.] Wensday, the 23th of February, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye,

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Thomas Blower*, William Oades*, Roger Stevens*, Robert Creed*.

Resolved upon the question that applicacion shalbe made to the Committee for considering of Chartres that a clause may be inserted in the Chartre of this Corporacion for keeping the Assizes in Reading, and the Quarter Sessions alsoe if it maye be; and that a lettre be written to Mr. Blagrave for that purpose, signifieing that the keeping of the Assizes at Abingdon was presented by the Grand Jury at the last Assizes there as a greivance to the cuntry.

Leonard Welbecke and Peter Chandler's desires concerning the takeing leases of their howses, parte of John Alarder's landes, to be taken in consideracion next Quarter-daye.

Richard Coale, a forreynour, useing the trade of a taylor in St. Giles' parishe within the Borough being convented before the Company and formerly, vizt. 6° Novembris, 1650, warned to leave useing his trade here and to departe the Towne by Satterday senight then followeing, is againe warned to depart the Towne at his perill.

Mr. George Thorne, in the behalfe of Mistris Harrison, widow, moved for a lease of the meadowe ground in Burghfeild, formerly held by Mr. Thomas Harison of the Corporacion (being Mr. Bowyer's gift); resolved that the Chamberlaines doe viewe the same and report the value thereof next Quarter-day to the Company, that soe they may take the same into consideracion.

This daye divers shopp-keepers of this Borough made complaint against Richard Jones for selling of wares in his shopp, that properly belong unto their trades and not to his; and being convented is admonished to forbeare the like offence for the future, the intent of the Company being only to permitt him to use the trade of a stationer and noe other within the Borough.

This daie Clement Marlowe, apothecarie, one of the Burgesses of this Borough, was elected and preferred to the office of an Assistant of the same Borough, in the roome and place of William Belchamber, deceased.

This daie one Thomas Keble, a weaver, humbly desired to have libertie for the setting of a loombe to worke in Mr. Kendricke's workhouse, but the Company would not condiscend thereunto.

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[p. 148.] Wensday, the second of March, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills *.

This day Mr. Christopher Fowler, Minister of Marie's parishe, and Mr. Symon Ford, Minister of Laurence parishe, in Reading, were requested by the Company in pursuance of their power of exposition given to the said Ministers by the last will of Mr. John Blagrave, deceased, to declare their judgmentes touching the legacie of 50*li.* demaunded of the Company by Walter Blagrave, sonne of Edward Blagrave, gent., sonne of Edward Blagrave, who was brother to the testator, doe interpret and expound the will of the testator as to the devise to the children of the sonns of his brother Edward to extend to the said Walter, although not borne at the time of the date of the will.

[p. 149.] Wensday, the 9th of March, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *.

Jerome Sherfeild, tenant to a house in Fryerstreete, late in the tenure of Richard Tue by lease from the Corporacion (expired), is nowe upon account found in arrere to the Hall for rent of the said howse (all thinges deducted) xx*s.*, which hee is appoynted to pay by

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Lady-daie next, and ix*s.* at Midsomer for a quarter's rent, or els to avoyde the howse.

Clement Marlowe, lately chosen an Assistant to this Corporacion, hath (upon his earnest request) time given till this daye senight to take his oath or to shewe cause to the contrarie.

Resolved upon the question that the Hall shall not beare the charges of a suite in lawe or equitie against Mr. Daniel Blagrave, for recovery of the porcions supposed to be due to the children of the sonnes of Edward Blagrave, brother to Mr. John Blagrave, deceased.

Resolved upon the question that the Company will give leave to the parties concerned to sue for the said porcions in the names of the Company.

Resolved upon the question that, if the said parties will provide money for that purpose, the Company will followe the suite themselves.

Agreed that John Lambe, baker, shall have 5*li.* of Mr. John Johnson's gift with his apprentice, Samuel Perrin.

Edward Pearce, baker, is prohibited to keepe alehouse any longer.

Resolved that Friday senight is the next Quarter-daye.

Ordered that the quietus est in Mr. Bateman's handes be brought into the Hall.

Agreed that Mr. Maior, the two Chamberlaines and Joel Stephens doe goe to-morrowe to Burfeild to viewe the meadowe ground of Mr. Bowyer's gift, in order to the letting thereof on Quarter-daye.

[p. 150.] Wensday, the 16th of March, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Simon Dye *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills *.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William

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Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed *.

Resolved that enquiry be made what herryott is due upon William Brookman's death: (yet living.)

[p. 151.] Quarter-daye, Friday, the 18th of March, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed.

This day a lease was sealed to Mr. Thomas Seakes, of a messuage and 3 stables at Old Yeldhall, prout, etc.

Upon the peticion of Richard Reddatt, agreed that his wages of iiij*li.* per annum be henceforth paid unto him by xx*s.* a quarter, the first payment to beginn at Lady-day next.

Upon the peticion of Widowe Prince, Mr. Maior hath given a noate to Mr. James, Chamberlen for Charitable uses, to pay her 2*s.* 6*d.*

Upon the peticion of John Turnor, desireing to drawe beere to sell to his nigh neighbours, resolved that hee be not permitted.

Upon the peticion of Saboth Letchwood, the night Bellman, for satisfaccion for his paines, the Company thinke not fitt to make any allowance out of the Hall revenues, but that hee gather the voluntary contribucion of the Company and such other inhabitantes as will contribute.

This daye William Turnor, butcher, desired to renue his lease of his shopp in Butcher Rewe for xxjtie yeares (hee having but 2 yeares to come at Lady-day next): resolved upon the question that hee may have a lease thereof for 21 yeares from Ladie[-day] next att the old rent of 40*s.* per annum, payeing 12*li.* fine: but being

* Marked as absent.

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called in, refused at present to accept of it, and thereupon hath further time given him to consider of it.

Agreed that the Chamberlaines doe viewe the houses of John A-Larder's landes, holden by William Bennett and Leonard Welbecke, and report their opinions to the Company.

Clement Marlowe, lately chosen an Assistant of this Corporacion, did this day take oath to execute the office accordingly.

Debate was had concerning Mr. Wilmer's accountes, and resolved that if hee will referr himselfe to the Company they will deale kindly with him.

Debate was had concerning the letting of the meadowe in East meade and Cawcott meade, of Mr. Bowyer's guift: resolved that it is worth viij*li.* per annum, and that Mistris Harrison shall not have a lease thereof under 8*li.* per annum, which Mr. Robert James (in her behalfe) refused to accept of.

Resolved that the Streete be chained overthwart about Michaell Readinge's house, to prevent the goeing of cartes and waggons through Minster Streete, to avoid the danger that may come thereby at Mr. Thackham's corner, the inhabitantes in Minster Streete finding a man to open and shutt the chaine, &c.

[p. 152.] Wensday, the 23th of March, 1652.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlow *.

A lettre received from John Sparrucke as appeares upon the file.

Debate concerning the letting of the houses of John A-Larder's guift.

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Leonard Welbecke offreth for Mr. Bennette's and the brewhouse 22*li.* per annum, for all 22*li.* 10*s.*

William Bennett offreth for the whole 22*li.* 10*s.* per annum, for his owne 12*li.* per annum.

Agreed that Mr. Thomas Curtis be warned to appeare this daye fortnight touching the arrers of rent for the incroachment at the 3 Tunns.

Agreed that Gilbert Johnson and John Brewer shall have a lease of the meadowe ground in Burghfeild, of Mr. Bo[w]yer's gift, for 21ty yeares, from the 29th of September last, at the yearely rent of 8*li.* 15*s.*, payeable the first yeare at St. James-tide, and afterwardes att Midsomer yearely.

The lessees to pay all taxes to Church and poore.

[p. 153.] Wensday, the 6th of Aprill, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

Resolved that noe abatement shalbe made of the 30*s.* due for arrers of rent out of the house in Castell Streete, late Mr. Robert Reeve's, but the same to be forthwith leavied.

Resolved that Mr. Vincent Goddard shall forthwith paye 45*s.* for arrers of rent of the house hee holdes in Castell Streete of the Corporacion, or els the same to be leavyed by distresse.

Agreed that John Sparrucke shalbe allowed 5*s.* in satisfaccion of his losse for not enjoyeing the Barne.

Debate concerning the quitrent of Mr. Brackston's house in Hosiers' Lane: resolved that it shalbe forthwith leavyed.

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Thomas Potter's peticion read, and the heareing of the busines defer'd till Fridaye next.

Moses Lambe and John Savory are accepted with John Lambe for his security for repayment of the 5*li.* lent to him with his apprentice Samuel Perrin.

[p. 154.] Good Friday, the 8th of Aprill, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Alright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stephens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe.

This daye the examinacion and eleccion of 3 poore Maidservantes to cast lottes for the 20 nobles (parte of Mr. John Blagrave's gift) was in this manner (in each parishe one), according to the will of the donor, vizt.

1. In Laurence parishe	Mawdlin Dell, servant to Richard Welbecke 8 yeares.
2. In Marie's parishe	Joane Haines, servant to Mr. Willyam Tatnall neere 9 yeares.
3. In Giles' parishe	Elizabeth Richardson, servant to Robert Terroll 6 yeares and a halfe.

Which 3 Maides soe elected did cast lottes, to witt:

Mawdlin Dell, 7.
Joane[6] Haines, 5.[1]
Elizabeth Richardson, 15, soe won the lott, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

This day William Mylam, tenant to Mr. Blagrave's land, cut of which x*li.* is issueing to be disposed this day, according

* Marked as absent.

[6] Joanes, MS.

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to his will, brought only 9*li.* 5*s.* 10*d.*, refuseing to paye any more; whereupon it is agreed that speedy course shalbe taken for the recovery of all the arrers: and in the meane-time the Chamberlen for Charitable uses to disburse 14*s.* 2*d.* to make upp the wholle x*li.*, the distribucion whereof was in this manner.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Elizabeth Richardson, who won the same by lott	6	13	4
To the Preacher this daye . . .	0	10	0
To the Churchwardens of Laurence parishe, for 60 poore weomen	1	0	0
To the Churchwardens of Marie's parishe, for 60 poore weomen	1	0	0
To the Churchwardens of Giles' parishe, for 24 poore weomen	0	6	0
To the Junior Churchwarden of Laurence parishe .	0	3	4
To the Clerke and Sexten there . .	0	6	8
To the Clerke of the Hall . . .	0	0	8
	10	0	0

This day John Butt and Henry Boade, two poore young men that had served their apprentishipps within this Borough since the death of John Eyres, were chosen to have (and then received) 40*s.* a-peice of the guift of the said John Eyres in pursuance of his will.

[p. 155.] And the whole five poundes of the guift of the said John Eyres was distributed in this manner, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the aforesaid John Butt . . .	2	0	0
To the aforesaid Henrie Boade . .	2	0	0
To 7 poore labouring men in Laurence parishe, 12*d.* a-peice	0	7	0
To 7 poore labouring men in Giles' parishe, 12*d.* a-peice	0	7	0
To 6 poore labouring men in Marie's parishe, 12*d.* a-peice	0	6	0
	5	0	0

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Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. William Brackston's gift was this day distributed as followeth, vizt.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To 60 poore widowes in Laurence parishe .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in Marie's parishe . .	1	0	0
To 60 poore weomen in Giles' parishe . .	1	0	0
To 20^{ty} poore men, vizt. 7 in Laurence parishe, 7 in Marie's parishe, and 6 in Giles' parishe, 12*d.* a-peice	1	0	0
	4	0	0

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. William Legge's guift was distributed to 24 poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt., 8 in Laurence parishe, 8 in Marie's parishe, and 8 in Giles' parishe.

Alsoe iij*li.* of Widowe Worslye's gift was distributed to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, vizt. to

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
25 in Giles' parishe	1	5	0
25 in Laurence parishe . . .	1	5	0
10 in Marie's parishe	0	10	0
	3	0	0

Agreed that John Lipscombe shall have a lease for 99 yeares, determinable on 3 lives, of the howse late in the tenure of Gilbert Brackston, deceased, in Castle Streete (of Mr. Barnard Harrison's gift), under the rent and covenantes contayned in the said Gilbert Brackston's lease, now assigned to the said John Lipscombe.

Resolved that John A-Larder's deed and will be translated into Englishe.

Agreed that Mr. Walter Knight shall putt the decree in execucion touching Mr. Palmer's guift.

[p. 156.] Wensday, the 20th of Aprill, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Bracston *, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway,

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Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe *.

Upon debate concerning the arrers of the rentcharge of 10*li.* per annum of Mr. John Blagrave's guift, agreed by the consent of Mr. Blagrave, Steward, that hee forthwith write an effectuall lettre to Mylam, the tenant, for the payment thereof.

Agreed that speedy and effectuall course in lawe be taken against all those and their suretyes that are ingaged for the 5 poundes of Mr. Marten's gift, and that Mr. Knight be employed for that purpose.

Upon debate concerning the arrers of 40*s.* supposed to be due by Mistris Stretch for John Alarder's house shee holdeth, resolved that Mistris Stretch be consulted with before it be determined. If Edward Johnson will depose to the payment of 2 halfe yeares and Mistris Stretch for the other, then Mr. Belchamber's administratrix to pay the 40*s.*

Debate had concerning the 50*li.* due by Edward Poole; George Moore, Robert Welbecke, and John Rose, suretyes, humbly desire forbearance untill Midsomer next.

Thomas Shefford, being warned to paye in the 50*li.* due by him, promised to pay it in within a moneth.

The Chamberlens are desired to demaund the severall summes of money oweing of Mr. Marten's guift.

[p. 157.] Wensdaye, the 4th of Maye, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

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Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe.

This daye the Court-Leete and Law-daye for this Borough was holden in the Guildhall there before John Webb, gent., Maior.

The names of the Jury.

Thomas King	sworne.	Henrie Knight	sworne.
Richard Hancocke		John Cleere	
John Maulthus		Francis Johnson	
Aaron Willis		Richard Ewins	
Henrie Clayton		Mathewe Turnor	
William Dey		John Gripp	
John Lipscombe		Robert Smart	
Jonathan Smith		Laurence Jemmatt	

Thomas King
Richard Hancocke
John Maulthus
Henrie Clayton
} assigned and sworne Affeirers.

[p. 158.] Monday, the 16th of May, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright *, Robert James, Joell Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beisley, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

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Higden Pynnocke upon proofe made by William Bennett and Roger Sherfeild, constables, that hee threatned to leave his wife and children upon the charge of the parishe, is sent to the House of Correccion by Mr. Maiour and Mr. Burningham, justices, &c.

Lettres read concerning the Dutch prisoners, 1. from the Councell of State, 2. from the Maior of Marlebrough, 3. from the Marshall-Generall; whereupon it is agreed that Mr. Allright, the Chamberlen, shall disburse the money for allowance of the said Dutch prisoners, till further order, at 6*d.* a-peice per diem each man.

Informacion is given that Peter Clarke and Marie his daughter usually lye in bed togeather: witnesses, Thomas Preestwood, John Serjeant.

Thomas Lowgrove, complayning for want of releife, is refer'd to the Overseers for the poore of St. Laurence parishe.

[p. 159.] Tuesday, the 7th of June, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stephens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stephens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

Resolved that Mr. Walter Knight shall effectually put in execucion the decree touching Mr. Palmer's guift.

Agreed that the bond wherein Widowe Newbery and Nicholas Young are bound for payment of 15*li.* to the Corporacion shalbe speedily put in suite-at-lawe by Mr. Walter Knight.

A lettre agreed upon and sent to the Commissioners for the Dutch prizes, for a fortnight's more allowance for the Dutch prisoners, (a copie whereof is upon the file.)

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Nicholas Weare, being convented for refuseing to watch in his turne the last night, after some debate promised to watch this night.

George Harrison being convented for the like offence.

Resolved upon the question that prosecucion shalbe made against John Sawyer, bayle for James Winche's debt.

Mr. Wilmer's accountes were againe debated and some progresse made therein.

Conferance was had with Mris Harrison.

Thomas Symons his wife affirmeth and Nicholas Lanfeare confesseth that hee received of her 3*li.* 15*s.*, or thereaboutes, of the 5*li.* which Thomas Symons oweth to the Hall of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift.

This day William Cleere was accepted for security with John Wye, for 5*li.* of John Johnson's gift.

[p. 160.] Quarterday, Mondaye, the 13th day of June, 1653.

Aldermen[7].

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes[7].

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe.

Upon the sealing of John Sparrock's lease of land in Whitchurch, agreed that the covenants or condicions for reparacions therein contained shall not extend to the reparacions or upholding of old Widowe Horwoodd's howse.

John Burren, being convented before the Company and charged with 4 yeares' rent of 54*s.* per annum arrere, for the house at St. Marie's Steps, of the guift of Mr. Aldworth, deceased, affirmeth that hee paid all the rent for the said house at Michaellmas was twelvemonth (1651), and before; and John Asten offreth to depose

[7] Absences not marked, or all present.

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that John Cule did acknowledge itt in the hearing of the said John Asten.

Mr. Thomas Dewell made request in the behalfe of his father to have leave to sett postes in Minster Streete against the Cardinall Hatt and the rest of his howses there, or els that the gutter may be made in the middle of the Streete.

Answered that the Company doth not thinke fitt that any postes should be sett there.

Resolved upon the question that a post or stumpe for stopping the passage of cartes and waggons, to avoyde the greate danger which otherwise might ensue, shalbe placed in the streete at the corner of Mr. Thomas Thackham's house, yet soe that it be moveable as occasion shall serve.

Upon the request of Goodwife Benwell to have tymber allowed for reparacions of the carthowse; agreed that Mr. Allright, the Chamberlayne, doe goe over thither and assigne what tymber shalbe necessary for that purpose.

This day the Company allowed to Mris Ellinor Wilmer, executrix, &c. of Mr. Edward Wilmer, deceased, late Towne Clarke of Readinge, in full of all differences and demandes from this Corporacion at the time of his decease, the summe of one hundred pounds, whereof 38*li.* 4*s.* mencioned in a bill of monyes by him received in the behalfe of the Corporacion, and 6*li.* for arrers of rent, is allowed, in parte of payment of the said 100*li.*, the residue being 55*li.* 16*s.*, to be paid in this manner, vizt. 5*li.* 16*s.* the 29th of September next, the residue being 50*li.*, by 10*li.* per annum, to be paid at Ladie-day and Michaelmas by equall porcions.

[p. 161.] This daye alsoe it is concluded and agreed that Edward Wilmer, Clerke to this Corporacion, shall have for his sallary (as Towne Clerke) the yearely summe of twentie and five pounds out of the Hall revenues, to be paid unto him in this manner from and after Midsomer next, vizt. 6*li.* 5*s.* the 29th of September next, and afterwardes 12*li.* 10*s.* every halfe yeare, to be paid by the Chamberlen for the Hall revenues, besides 40*s.* per annum of the late Bishopp of Canterbury his guift; and that, if the casuall profittes incident to the said office shall not with the said 25*li.* and 40*s.* per annum amount to the summe of fortie pounds a yeare, then the Company will further consider of it.

Mistris Wilmer. A particuler of the monyes in the handes of

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Ellinor Wilmer, widowe, executrix of the last will and testament of Edward Wilmer, senior, late deceased, allowed unto her in parte of payment of 100*li.*; agreed to be paid unto her by the Company as aforesaid.

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Part of the Howse of Correccion stocke upon bond received and to be received from Henrie Tubb .	20	0	0
Part of Richard and John Johnson's apprentice-money	15	0	0
Part of Mr. Marten's money . . .	02	4	0
Freedome money of apprentices . .	00	10	0
Received more for charges in lawe . .	00	10	0
And Mistris Wilmer oweth for rent due at Lady-daie last . . .	06	00	0
Summ total	44	4	0

[p. 162.] Wensday, the 29th of June, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Milles.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

This day Thomas Underwood, th'elder, of Lawrence parishe, was elected and chosen an Almes-man in one of Mr. William Kendricke's Almes-howses in the roome and place of John Cole, deceased.

Agreed that Richard Fellowe, clothier, shall have 50*li.* ~~of Mr.~~ John Kendricke's guift, upon his owne and John Deane's, William Browne's [and] William Brooke's security.

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[p. 163.] Mundaye, the 4th of July, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

The informacion of Henry Tapley and Welthen Davis against John Jackson was this day taken.

A copie of an Order in Chancery of the 29th of June, touching the matter wherein Mr. Symon Dee and others are plaintiffs and Mr. Stroughill, defendant, was this day produced and read.

Upon debate whereof Mr. Burningham is desired and appoynted to goe to London to attend the busines.

Resolved that the faire for Cattle to be kept within this Borough upon St. James' day next shalbe kept in the Forberry and not elswhere.

Upon the motion of Mr. Fowler and Mr. Ford touching Mr. Reeve, Schoolmaster of the Free-Schoole, agreed that hee be desired to contynue his dwelling where hee now is till hee shalbe better accomodated.

This day a copie of Mr. Aldworth's will was brought in and read and some debate was thereupon had in order to the demanding of the charitable guiftes to this Corporacion.

Upon the peticion of Edward Poole the Company thinkes fitt to forbeare the present prosecucion of him and his suretyes, the better to enable them to provide the monyes for which they stand ingaged to pay to this Corporacion.

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Munday, 11° July, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *.

At this day Mr. Burningham made report of the busines which hee was appointed by the Company to attend in Chancery, touching Mr. Stroughill, wherein hee entertayned Mr. Chute and Mr. Harrison to be of Councell and gave them xx*s*. a-peice to make a motion, and yet neither of them moved: whereupon Mr. Blagrave is desired to fee Mr. Lyle to make a motion at the next Seale, and likewise to prepare a peticion to the Councell of State, touching the busines, Mr. Loane to be solicitor.

Upon the desire of Mr. Thomas Bunbury to knowe what the Company will doe about the monyes of Mr. Gandy touching himselfe, answered that they are resolved to defend themselves.

Upon debate of the busines touching Mr. William Cantrell and John Sawyer, Mr. Walter Knight acquainted the Company that Mr. Cantrell is in prison in the Fleete upon the execucion.

Mr. Maiour, by consent of the Company, signed a noate to Mr. Allright, to pay Mr. Walter Knight 10*li*. in full of his bill nowe brought in for charges in lawe touching the Corporacion.

Informacion that Richard Clacke is erectinge of a howse to be thatcht with strawe.

Upon the peticion of Mathewe Jones, desireing to be tenant to the house wherein hee liveth, nothing agreed upon at this time.

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21° July, 1653.

Then I delivered to Mr. Allright, Chamberlen, the bond wherein John Underwood and Robert Ferman are bound for the payment of 5*li.* of Mr. Marten's gift.

E. W[ilmer].

[p. 165.] Wensdaye, 27° July, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

This day Mr. Blagrave made report of his proceedinges in the busines at the Guildhall, London, before the Commissioners for Charitable uses.

The said Mr. Blagrave likewise made report of his proceedinges in the suite in Chancery, touching Mr. Gandye's monyes, and that hee had retayned Mr. Loane to be solicitor.

Mr. Blagrave alsoe moved the Company touching a Commission for Charitable uses to be issued forth to Gentlemen of this County.

James Maynard in the behalfe of his brother John Maynard, tynningman, desired that hee might be admitted a freeman of this Borough, there being none of the same trade.

Upon a lettre produced by Nicholas Lanfeare in the behalfe of James Winch, a verball answere is to be returned, that the Company cannot at this tyme doe that which at another tyme they would be willing to doe.

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Tuesdaye, 2° August, 1653.

[Aldermen [8].]

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne.

[Assistantes [8].]

Thomas Cope, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, Roger Stevens, Clement Marlowe.

At this meeting Mr. Walter Knight and Edward Wilmer are appointed to meete at Leonard Welbecke's dwelling-house on Friday next in the after-noone with such as shall be appointed by Mr. Anthony Blagrave and Mris Harrison, to consider of the difference concerning John A-Larder's land there.

[p. 166.] Wensday, 3° August, 1653.

[Aldermen.]

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Nicholas Weare, a journyman shoomaker, convented to produce a certificate of his lawfull departure from the place where hee last served.

John Coates, servant to Peter Chandler, produced a certificate under the hand of Thomas Jorden, which (as hee saith) liveth at Wittney in Oxford-shiere, broadweaver, testifyeinge his service of his apprentishipp with him.

William Stanley, a journyman shoomaker, convented for departing from the place where hee last served without testimoniall. Daniel Robertes undertooke for him for 21 daies.

[*blank*] Lucas convented upon complaint of useing the art of a barbor by trymming of men in this Corporacion.

Richard Stevenson, John Thorne and John Wimpey complaine that John Maynard, a forreynor, is preparing to sett upp a shopp and to use a trade concerning tynning wares in this Towne, not being apprentice there, which may be very prejudiciall to them and others, freemen of the Towne.

[8] Absences not marked.

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Edward Creed and John Collyns complaine against John Wooddyer for selling fleshe-meate in the Towne in the weeke-daies, besides market-dayes; but hee being a freeman of this Corporacion nothing was done against him.

[p. 167.] Monday, 15° August, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, William Beislye, William Oades, Clement Marlowe.

Debate was had concerning the monyes disbursed (and ingaged for) by Nicholas Lanfeare to Mr. Champion about the suite of Charles Oakes, but nothing agreed upon.

Sir Thomas White's guift dew 1654, 1678, 1702, 1726.

Wensday, 17° August, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Henry Frewin.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Robert James.

Thomas Sandelon desired to renue his lease of the house of Mr. William Kendricke's guift in lease to Richard Payne, and assigned to Thomas Sandelon: defer'd till Quarter-daye.

Upon perusall of a lettre it apperes that 100*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift will be due the 24th of August 1654.

Agreed that Mr. Burningham, Mr. Frewin and Mr. Blagrave doe goe to London on Munday next about the busines of the Corporacion lately depending in the Chancery, concerning the monyes demaunded by Mr. Stroughill et al'.

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[p. 168.] Eleccion-daie, Munday, the nine and twentith day of August, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe.

This daye the Maior and Aldermen by direccion of their Charter did name three of themselves to sitt in eleccion this present daie, being the last Munday in August, in the Townehall, to the intent and purpose that one of those three soe named should by the said Maior, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes (present this daye) be elected Maior of this Borough for the yeare next ensueinge, vizt.

Mr. Peter Burningham IIII [4].

Mr. Henry Frewin IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII [18], elected Maior.

Mr. William Mills.

At this daie alsoe the said Maiour and Aldermen did name and elect two of the Burgesses of this Borough to be Chamberlaines for the next yeare as their Charter requireth, vizt.

Robert James.

Joel Stephens.

This daye Mr. John Webb, now Maior, desired leave of the Company that (by reason of the infirmityes of his bodie) hee might leave his place of Alderman.

This daie Mr. Blagrave made report of the proceedinges in London touching Mr. John Kendricke's guift before the Commissioners for Charitable uses. And Mr. Burningham likewise made knowne Colonell Backster's readines to promote the busines of the Corporacion.

Agreed that three pounds be disbursed by Mr. Allright (Chamberlayne for the Hall revenues) to be sent to Mr. Phillipp

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Thomas, in order to the sueing forth of a Commission for Charitable uses; and Mr. Blagrave undertaketh to write a lettre to him.

Resolved upon the question that the former order of the 30th of August 1652, touching the allowance of xx*li.* per annum (and noe more) for the Maiour's fee, shall henceforth be void and of noe force, and that the newe elected Maior and his successours respectively shall have the yearely allowance of threescore pounds per annum during the pleasure of the Company.

[p. 169.] Upon the peticion of Mris Ellinor Wilmer, ordered that the Chamberlens doe viewe the Stables therein mencioned and make their report thereof to the Company next Quarter-daye.

The consideracion of the severall peticions of Henry Freeman and John Davis, the younger, is deferred untill the next Quarter-daie.

[p. 170.] Fridaye, the 16th daie of September, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

The Commission for Charitable uses was this day read in the Councell-chamber.

Resolved that Mr. Phillipp Thomas be entertained to act for the Commissioners for Charitable uses in this County as their Advocate or Clerke, and Mr. Blagrave is desired to write a lettre to the said Mr. Thomas to send word when hee can come downe.

William Sample. Memorandum, the 19th of September, 1653, William Sample, Clarke of St. Giles', was sworne Parish-Register there, before Mr. John Webb, Maiour, and Mr. Peter Burningham.

* Marked as absent.

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Quarter-day, the 23th day of September, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. Henrie Frewin, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

James Winch. Upon reading of James Winche's lettre nowe presented to the Company, the 3 Chamberlaynes are appoynted to repaire to the said James Winch, to knowe howe [he] can secure the payment of the money soe as the Company may receive noe dammage thereby.

Henry Freeman. The peticion of Henry Freeman, a suitour for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift, read.

Michael Reading. The peticion of Michael Reading, another suitor for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift, read.

The consideracion of both which peticions is defer'd till the next generall meeting.

John Davis. Upon reading the peticion of John Davis the younger, a suitor for 20 nobles of Mr. Gabriell Barbor's guift, agreed that hee may have the same, giveing security for repayment thereof such as the Company will accept.

Mr. Palmer. Upon debate concerning the 40*s.* per annum of Mr. Palmer's gift, resolved that Mr. Walter Knight be desired to take out a copie of the decree touching the same and to take a legall course for payment and setling of the money.

Richard Redatt. Upon the peticion of Richard Reddat, the Bellman, agreed that Mr. Allright, the Chamberlen, doe provide a good cloth coate with lyneings, as hee shall thinke fitt, for the petitioner forthwith.

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John Philpe. John Philpe, broadweaver, desireth employment for a loomb's worke under Peter Chandler in Mr. Kendricke's workhouse: the consideracion thereof defer'd till Peter Chandler be spoken with.

[p. 172.] Mr. Thackham. Mr. Thomas Thackham desireth to rennue the lease formerly graunted to Mr. Powell of a messuage and stables at Old Yeldhall; whereupon the Chamberlens are appoynted to viewe the same and make report thereof to the Company.

Thomas King. This day Thomas King, that holds the tolle of the Markett, upon communicacion touching his renting of it the next yeare, offred first 40*li.* and afterwardes 50*li.* for the next yeare and noe more.

John Bartlet. This day the tolle of the Markett was lett unto John Bartlett for one yeare from Michaelmas next, at and for the rent of fowerscore and tenn pounds, to be paid quarterly by equall porcions.

Thomas Shefford. Thomas Shefford being convented to make payment of the 50*li.* due from him to this Corporacion promiseth to paye the same within a month next coming, without any further delaye.

Old Brickett. Old Bricket is warned to take course that his sonne be removed out of the house wherein hee [is] dwelling, or els the Company will not permitt him to contynue any longer there.

John Browne. Upon the motion of old John Browne desireing libertie to sett upp a house of office over the brooke at Old Yeldhall; referred to the consideracion of the Jury.

Wensdaye, the 28th of September, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior elect*, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmat, William Beislye *, Thomas

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Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlow *.

William Westmerlande's peticion read, being a suitor for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift; ordered that hee attend the resolucion of the Company on Munday morning next and then nominate his security.

Upon debate concerning the annuity of Sir Thomas Vachell's guift to his sixe Almes-men and of their arrers, Thomas Hollier the tenant of the land being nowe present, hee is appointed to attend here with his lease on Munday next by 8 in the morning.

The names of the present Almesmen, vizt.	William Woodcocke,	William Burley,
	Henry Hadley,	Stephen Marshall,
	Richard Broadbanke,	Reynald Holloway.

[p. 174.] Munday, the third day of October, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. John Webb, *Maior.* Mr. Henry Frewin, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

This day Henry Freeman, a suitour for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's gift, did nominate his security for the same, vizt.

Ambrose Freeman, of Henley . .
Reynall Kent, of Burghfeild . .
Francis Parfitt, of Mortimer . .

William Westmerland, another suitour for 50*li.* of the same guift did nominate his security, vizt.

Robert Clementes, of Turges . .
Christofer Palmer, of Reading . .
Salomon Barnard, of Reading . .

The consideracion whereof is defer'd till another meeting.

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This day Sir Thomas Vachell's almes-men presented particuler notes of their arrers due from Thomas Hollyer, whereby appeares that there is due

	li.	s.	d.
To William Woodcockes . . .	5	1	0
To Richard Broadbancke . . .	5	1	0
To Reynald Hollowaye . .	1	13	4
To Stephen Marshall . . .	1	03	4
To William Burley . . .	1	13	4
To Henry Hadley . . .	1	03	4
In all	15	15	4

Resolved that the said Thomas Hollyer doe pay all arrers of the annuity of 40*li.* per annum of Sir Thomas Vachell's guift due to the Almes-men forthwith, and 10*li.* for a Quarter's rent on Friday next to the Chamberlaine.

Resolved that the Commissioners for the monthly assessement be desired to give order that noe assessement be layd upon the said annuitie.

This day Mr. Henrie Frewin, the new elected Maior, in the presence of his last predecessor Maior and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistantes above-named, by direccions of the Charter and the late Act of Parliament in that behalfe, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of Maior, Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough and the liberties thereof.

[p. 175.] And this daye Mr. John Webb, the precedent Maior, did take the oath to execute the office of a Justice of Peace within the said Borough and the liberties thereof during the terme of one whole yeare next ensueing.

And then alsoe Mr. Robert James and Mr. Joel Stevens, being lately chosen Chamberlaines of the said Borough, did take their oaths to execute the office of Chamberlaines accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Maior and Aldermen did nominate and appoynt Constables and Wardens within the said Borough for this yeare ensueing, viz[t].

James Clendon [9]
Edward Kent } Constables.
Francis Lewingdon [9]

[9] Sworne.

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David Webb Thomas White Robert Wickins	Wardens of High ward, sworne.
Humfrey Moore George Archer	Wardens of Minster ward, sworne.
Thomas Thorne Christopher Palmer	Wardens of London ward, sworne.
Thomas Hyde and Lawrence Jemmatt	Wardens of New ward, sworne.
John Gibbins and Nathaniel Chandler	Wardens of Old ward, sworne.

[p. 176.] Friday, the 7th of October, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

This day sixe Maydservantes were elected and chosen to have their proporcionable partes of the late Archbishopp of Canterburye's gift for their preferment in marriage, viz.

Anne Browne . .	for the Towne of Reading.
Margaret Palmer .	
Sarah Woolfe . .	
Katherine Turnor .	
Margaret Fynmore .	

Martha Tueslye for the towne of Wokingham.

[p. 177.] Munday, the 10th of October, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills.

[Assistants.]

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Steward. Samuel Jemmatt.

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This daye the Court-Leete and Lawe-daie of and for this Borough was holden in the Guildhall there before Mr. Henrie Frewin, Maior.

The names of the Jury.

Samuel Jemmatt Thomas Goad William Knight Richard Jones Robert Terroll Robert Pigeon Richard Stockwell Peter Horne Ezechiel Charke Francis Tossell	Sworne.	Richard Allum Edward Gold Thomas Wilder Anthony Slarke Jonathan Smith Richard Hussey Richard Stevenson John Blake George Lamport	Sworne.

Samuel Jemmatt
Ezechiel Charke
William Knight
Richard Stevenson } Assigned and sworne Affeirers.

Salomon Barnard
Thomas Bartholmew } Fishtasters, contynued.

James Penn and
John Symons } Fleshtasters, contynued.

James Hulbert
Jonas Hickes } Aletasters, contynued.

John Asten and
Richard Merrifeild } Searchers and Sealers of Leather, sworne.

Saboth Letcher and
Richard Reddatt } Heywardes, sworne.

Agreed that the Scavenger be sent for on Wensday next.

Resolved that all those that are ingaged by bond for moneys in the behalfe of the Corporacion be saved harmeles by the Corporacion from the same, and that Mr. Walter Knight be desired to take course to staye the proceedinges at lawe.

Upon the peticion of Jonathan Smith, cooper, agreed hee be allowed for his service in the Jury tenn shillinges for the yeare ensueing, and his arrers to be considered.

This daye the Jury presented in Court James Clendan and Edward Kent to be Constables of this Borough for the yeare

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ensueinge; whereupon it is ordered that they severally take oath to doe the office of Constable within fourteene dayes.

Agreed that Widowe King's daughter's certificate from Doctor Turner touching her kinn to the Bishopp be redelivered to her.

[p. 178.] Wensdaye, the 12th of October, 1653.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. John Webb, Mr. William Brackstone.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq.

This day James Clendan, being before chosen one of the Constables of the said Borough, did before the said Maior take his corporall oath to doe the office accordingly.

This day alsoe David Webb one of the Wardens of High Ward did take oath to doe the office accordingly.

[p. 179.] Wensday, the 19th of October, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills *.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

Mr. Walter Knight (being nowe present) is desired to prosecute the busines for setling the 40*s.* a yeare of Mr. Palmer's guift, wherein Mr. Hands is concerned.

Upon debate of Mr. Page's lettre touching the buyeing of the Fee-farme rentes in Braye, payeable out of certen landes there, vizt., out of Greate Strowd 1*li.* 10*s.* *ob.*, for East farme 15*s.* 10*d.* *ob.* *quart.*, for Little Strowd 1*li.* 2*s.* 9*d.* *ob.*, and out of the house called Curr's, in the occupacion of Anthony Blagrave, Esq.,

* Marked as absent.

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1*li.* 4*s.* 0*d. ob.:* the Company is contented that the tenantes may buy the said rentes themselves.

Upon debate of the peticion of John Browne, the Company is content that hee may sett up a howse of office onely, but not any hogstie or other thing.

Resolved that the arrers due to Sir Thomas Vachell's almes-men be levyed by distresse, and that a warrant be made for that purpose.

Upon debate of the difference betweene Mathewe Turnor and his apprentice, Thomas Man, it is thought fitt that hee returne to his Master's service.

Agreed that a warrant be made to send Skynner's childe to the Overseers for the poore of St. Marie's to be by them provided for.

Upon debate of James Winche's busines, who offers 10*li.* per annum till the money be paid, the Company thinkes fitt not to accept of it.

Capt. Curtis promised to pay in the 50*li.*, for which hee is ingaged to the Company, with all expedicion, and promiseth to paye the arrers of his encroachment for the tyme hee held it.

John Burren affirmeth that hee paid all his rent to John Cule since Mr. Aldworth's death till Michaelmas 1651.

[p. 180.] Wensday, the 26th of October, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dye *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *.

Phillipp Smith, the Scavenger, being convented and reproved for his negligence (not keeping cleane the Markett-place) promiseth for the future to amend what is amisse.

* Marked as absent.

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Upon hearing the difference betweene Walter Blye, in the behalfe of his sonne Nicholas Blye, and his Master Henry Adams, for 10*s.* and 2 suites of apparell, they are advised to referr it to arbitracion.

Walter Fellowe exhibited a peticion as a suitor for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift: the Company will further consider of it.

Agreed that a lettre be prepared for paye for the Dutch prisoners till Wensday next.

The answere of the Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses, formerly made to Owen's complaint to the Commissioners for Charitable uses at London, was read, and resolved that the answere to Adam Moore's complaint be made after the same manner.

Resolved that a particuler of the monies oweing by any of the Company of Mr. John Kendricke's gift be presented at the next meeting, with Mr. Burningham's 9*li.*

Thomas Hollyer. Mr. Maior acquainted the Company that Mr. Thackham and Mr. Wylder, in the behalfe of Thomas Hollyer and upon his request, did affirme that the said Thomas Hollyer would pay at Christmas next 10*li.*, in parte of the annuity of Sir Thomas Vachell's guift before-hand, and in the meane-tyme would pay the Almes-men their allowance and all arrers.

James Winch. James Winche's request being againe made knowne, the Company thinkes it not fitt to compound or abate the debt.

[p. 181.] John Browne, blacksmith, being warned to pay in the money due by him of Mr. Marten's guift, promised to pay it in at Hollantide next.

This daye Robert James, Chamberlaine for Charitable uses, produced his account for the yeare past, which was read and allowed of.

Agreed that Jonathan Smith, cooper, shall have xx*s.* for his service past in assisting of the Jury of the Clarke of the Market out of the amerciamentes, and 10*s.* for the yeare ensueing.

William Cleere, a suitour for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

Agreed that Phillipp Smith, the Scavenger, shall have 12*li.* for his service this last yeare, payeing 20*s.* to Nicholas Lanfeare for the service hee did therein 3 weekes and upwardes.

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John Davis his sureties for the 20ty nobles . } not accepted.
Robert Clarke, servant to Mr. Tatnall, and
John Hedges . . . .

Agreed that Elizabeth Browne, widowe, giveing her bond with her 2 sonnes for the payment of 4*li.* to the Chamberlaines by xx*s.* a yeare, 5*s.* every quarter, it shalbe accepted for the 4*li.* which shee is ingaged to pay as executrix to her husband, hee being bound with one George Curtis for 5*li.* of Mr. Marten's guift.

[p. 182.] Wensday, the second of November, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. John Webb, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

Richard Allright, [Assistant.]

Nicholas Ashmore oweing 3*li.* 10*s.* of the guift of Mr. Marten, which hee had with his apprentice Edward Ashmore, is nowe warned to paye the same by 10*s.* a quarter, or els his sureties to be prosecuted at lawe.

Agreed that it be left to the discretion of the Chamberlens whether old Mayne, one of Mr. William Kendricke's almes-men, shall have a gowne or that the monyes be otherwise disposed for a shirt and other necessaries for him according to his desire.

Upon reading of James Winche's lettre, agreed that if hee will propound security for 20*li.* a yeare till the money be paid then hee shall knowe the resolucion of the Company.

The Alehouskeepers to be summoned the next weeke.

Thomas Wheeler being convented confesseth hee sold a loombe out of the Workhouse, about 12 or 13 yeares agoe, to Edward Freeman, and had 40*s.* for it or thereaboutes; is warned to pay for it to the Company.

Agreed that John Ewstas be summoned to pay in 50*s.* which hee promised to paye for the horse delivered to him by the Company.

Richard Purnell upon examynacion confesseth that hee bought a loombe of Peter Clarke for 58*s.* out of Mr. John Kendricke's workhouse; warned to deliver backe the loombe.

Agreed upon the request of Adam Moore that hee may have

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a copie of Mr. John Kendricke's will and of Mr. Richard Jeye's will.

Agreed that the money in the hands of Chideocke Palmer belonging to Mr. John Kendricke's stocke be called in by the Chamberlen.

[p. 183.] Wensdaye, the 9th of November, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Willyam Mills.

[Assistants.]

Thomas Cope, William Beislye, Thomas Blower.

James Winch. Upon debate of the debt oweing by James Winch, for which William Cantrell is in prison upon execucion, resolved upon the question that the Company hath not power to make any composicion for the debt. Resolved that the Judges, for releife of Creditours, &c., in London be peticioned for sale of Mr. Cantrell's landes, for payment of the debt for which hee is bound for James Winch.

William Wéstmerland. Agreed that William Westmerland, with Robert Clementes, Christopher Palmer and Robert Westmerland, be accepted for security for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

Nicholas Ashmore, John Cule. Resolved that a writt be sent for against Nicholas Ashmore and John Cule.

Mr. Mills. Notice is given to Mr. William Mills to pay in the money at Christmas next for which hee is bound for Greenaway.

Mr. Burningham. Mr. Burningham exhibited his bill of charges expended in the Hall affaires.

Widowe Kenton. Widowe Kenton confesseth shee oweth two yeares' rent at Michaelmas last.

Mr. Knight. Agreed that a lettre be sent to Mr. Knight touching Mr. Stroughill's busines and to returne a speedy answere, &c.

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[p. 184.] Wensday, the 16th of November, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beisley, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

James Winch. Upon further debate of the busines concerning James Winche's debt, resolved that the determynacion thereof be respited till another tyme.

Mr. Burningham. Upon debate of the debt oweing by Mr. Burningham to the Hall itt appeareth that hee oweth for arrers of rent of the howse at Caversham Bridge, . 13*li.* 15*s.* 0
and for monyes received of Greinmer Hill rent . 9 0 0

Nicholas Ashmore. Nicholas Ashmore, who oweth 3*li.* 10*s.* of Mr. Marten's guift and is arrested for the same, desireth further tyme for payment of the money; but nothing concluded.

Thomas Hawthorne. Thomas Hawthorne, who oweth 20 nobles or Mr. Barbor's guift, is warned to provide and bring in the money speedily.

Michael Reading. Agreed that John Reading, Thomas Reading and Edmund Reading, brothers to Michaell Reading, be accepted for security for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift for 3 yeares.

Robert Westmerland, Roger Sherfeild. Agreed that Roger Sherfeild be accepted for security for William Westmerland in the steed of Robert Westmerland for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kenricke's guift.

Mr. Knight. Upon reading of the lettre from Mr. Walter Knight, agreed that Mr. Holloway and Mr. Cope doe goe to London to attend the busines.

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Widowe Kenton. Agreed that Mr. Hollowaye's accountes be perused, whereby it may appeare what monyes Widowe Kenton hath paid for a fine at the taking of her lease: shee promiseth to pay 50*s.* arrere at the tyme of the lease and desireth to change a life. The Chamberlens are appointed to viewe the house.

[p. 185.] Wensday, the 23th of November, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *.

John Terroll. Agreed that a lettre be sent to Mr. Knight to take care that the counterpartes of John Terroll's lease and Saunders' lease be brought in to the Hall.

John Cule. Agreed that John Cule shall paye to the Chamberlaine for the Hall revenues 14*s.* 6*d.* by Christmas next, then hee shalbe noe further prosecuted at lawe.

Nicholas Ashmore. Agreed that Nicholas Ashmore shall paye 14*s.* 6*d.* on Satterday next, and afterwards 10*s.* a quarter, the first payment to be at Ladie-day next, noe further prosecucion shalbe against him. Resolved that Nicholas Lanfeare shall make his account by this day senight.

[p. 186.] Wensdaye, the 30th day of November, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

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Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

Widow Kenton. Upon the motion of Widowe Kenton touching the renueing of her lease, it is agreed that when shee shall put in security for repayring of the house within a yeare next comming, then shee shall have a new lease for 99 yeares, determinable on three lives payeing for the change of two lives.

Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight's lettre of the 23th instant read.

Ordered that the monyes oweing by any of the Company of Mr. John Kendricke's monyes and nowe due be forthwith paid in.

Nicholas Lanfeare. This day Nicholas Lanfeare brought in an account which was read, but being imperfect hee is appointed to bring in a full account for every yeare by it-selfe.

Agreed that the answere to Adam Moore's informacion to the Commissioners for Charitable uses be drawne up as formerly it was to Owen's complaint.

Upon reading Jonas Hickes his peticion, hee is appoynted to repaire to Mr. Maior for releife.

Agreed that the Alehouskeepers in High Ward be summoned to appeare on Munday by 8 in the morning.

[p. 187.] Quarter-day, Friday, the 16th of December, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder *, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Thomas Cope *, Richard Alright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe *.

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Edward Kent. A noate signed by Mr. Blagrave and sent to Edward Kent to take his oath of Constable within 3 daies.

Richard Milson. Richard Milson, being required to pay in the 20 nobles for which hee is bound for Thomas Hawthorne, promiseth to pay it within a fortnight next comming.

James Winch. Upon reading and debate of the letter presented in the behalfe of James Winch, agreed that the resolucion of the Company in that busines be respited till the 6th of January next.

Thomas Sandelon. Thomas Sandelon againe desired to renue his lease of his dwelling-howse of Mr. William Kendricke's guift; agreed that the Chamberlaines doe viewe the howse and make report thereof to the Company.

John Davis. Upon reading the peticion of John Davis th'elder, it is thought fitt that [he] finde out the names of those hee complaines against and take his course at lawe against them.

Widow Kenton. Agreed that Widowe Kenton, payeing 50*s.* which shee oweth for arrerages of rent and 50*s.* fine for changing of two lives, shall have a lease for 99 yeares determinable on 3 lives under the rent and covenantes in her old lease. The security proposed by her and accepted by the Company for repaire of her howse are Robert Remnant and Robert Kenton, who are to be bound in a bond of 50*li.* for that purpose.

Samuel Watlington. Agreed that Samuel Watlington upon security shall have the 20 nobles of Mr. Barbour's guift oweing by James Deane.

[p. 188.] David May. Agreed that David Maye, clothier, shall have the next 50*li.* that is to be lent by the Company, giveing good security for repayment thereof.

Agreed that a letter be sent to Colonel Barkstead touching the peticion concerning Mr. Stroughill and others.

Agreed that the Alehouskeepers (not yet summoned) be summoned to appeare on Wensday next.

[p. 189.] Fridaye, 23° December, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Simon Dee,

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Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. John Webb *, Mr. William Mills.

[Assistantes.]

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Thomas Cope, Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

This day iiij*li.* of Mr. Kemishe's guift was distributed to 24 poore housholders of this Corporacion, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.

8 in St. Lawrence.
8 in St. Marie's.
8 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe six shirtes and smockes of Mr. James Pococke's guift were distributed to 6 poore people of this Corporacion.

2 in St. Lawrence.
2 in St. Marie's.
2 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe tenn wascoates of Mr. Iremonger's guift were distributed to ten poore people of this Corporacion.

3 in St. Lawrence.
4 in St. Marie's.
3 in St. Giles'.

Alsoe 4*li.* of Mr. Edward Hamlin's guift was distributed to tenn poore old men of this Towne by 8*s.* a-peice.

4 in St. Lawrence.
3 in St. Marie's.
3 in St. Giles'.

[p. 190.] Friday, the 6th of January, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

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Assistantes.

Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, William Beislye.

This day Mr. Thomas Cope was elected an Alderman of this Borough in the roome of Mr. John Webb, deceased.

This day alsoe William Castell was elected an Assistant of this Corporacion in the steed of Mr. Thomas Cope nowe chosen Alderman.

Munday, the 9th of January, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe.

Thomas Cope. This day Mr. Thomas Cope, formerly elected an Alderman of this Borough, did take his oath to execute the office of Alderman accordingly.

William Castle. This day alsoe William Castell, lately chosen an Assistant of this Borough, did [take] his corporall oath to execute the office of an Assistant accordingly.

William Cantrell. This day the Company received an order of the Judges for releife of creditours and prisoners, dated 16° December, 1653, with a copie of a peticion touching Mr. Cantrell.

[p. 191.] William Cantrell. This day Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Richard Holloway and Richard Allright are appointed to attend the Judges for releife of creditours and poore prisoners the 13th of January next to answere the peticion of William Cantrell att Salters' Hall, London.

Mr. Chamberlen. Mr. Thomas Blower is desired to enquire what Charitable guiftes are given to this Towne or poore there by Mr. Chamberlen, deceased.

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[p. 192.] Wensday, the 18th of January, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castle *.

Mr. Webb. This day Mr. Knight produced the will of Mr. John Webb, deceased, and is desired to bring in a copie of soe much thereof as concernes the Corporacion.

Mr. Blagrave. Ordered that Mr. Knight doe forthwith take order that the cause in Chancery betweene the Corporacion and Mr. Daniel Blagrave touching Mr. John Blagrave's will be sett downe for hearing in Easter terme.

[p. 193.] Wensdaye, the first of February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Parr. Mr. Thomas Cope is desired and appointed to attend

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the Judges for releiſe of prisoners and creditours at Salters' Hall on Fridaye next concerning Parr's busines.

Mr. Fellowe. This daye Walter Fellowe renued his suite to the Company for 50*li.* to be lent unto him of Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

Edward Poole. Resolved that a lettre be sent to Mr. Knight speedily for a writt and warrantes against Edward Poole and his sureties.

Constables. Mr. Clendall, one of the Constables of this Borough, applyed himselfe to the Company for monies to be raised to reinburse him and his partner such monies as they had disbursed in releiſe of maymed Souldiers, Marriners and Criples: resolved that some course be taken therein at the next Quarter Sessions for this Borough according to the Statute.

Thomas Hollyer. Some debate was had touching the arrers oweing by Thomas Hollyer to Sir Thomas Vachell's almes-men.

John Winch, John Ewstas. Agreed that unles John Winch and John Ewstas doe speedily make payment of 50*s.*, formerly agreed to be paid for a horse sold to Ewstas, that then a writt be sent for against them. Nicholas.

Thomas Smithier. Thomas Smythier, a journyman taylor (a stranger), having noe certificate of his lawfull departure from the place hee last dwelt, promiseth to depart the Towne to-morrowe and to trouble the Towne noe more.

[p. 194.] Munday, the 6th of February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

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This day Mr. Maior produced an order of the Commissioners for Charitable uses at Guildhall, London, for the Maior and Burgesses to appeare and answere there the 16th instant by 8 in the morning; whereupon it is resolved that Mr. Blagrave be appointed to attend accordingly.

William Heyes. William Heyes being convented and examined touching certen goodes of one Rey, nowe a prisoner in the gaole upon suspition of burglary, now in the hands of the said Heyes, hee affirming that the goodes are Rey's proper goodes and intended to be sold for releife of himselfe, wife and children, the Company thinkes fitt not to medle with them.

Colonel Backster. A lettre signed by Mr. Maior in the behalfe of the Company to be sent to Colonel Backster giveing him thankes for his care and trouble about their busines; a copie extant.

John Winch. John Winch and John Ewstas have time given them untill Easter for payment of 50*s.* for the mare bought by John Winch of the Company.

Mr. Simon Dee. This day the Company being satisfied by Mr. Allright, Chamberlen, that Mr. Simon Dee had paid in all his money due upon his bond to the Corporacion, the said bond is delivered upp unto him to be cancelled.

Mr. Richard Allright, Chamberlaine, is to deliver upp his accountes upon Wensday next.

[p. 195.] Wensdaye, the 8th of February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Mr. Allright. This daie Richard Allright, late th' elder Chamberlen for two yeares at Michaelmas last, did deliver upp his accomptes in writeing of all such monies as hee received and disbursed for the said two yeares, which is allowed of by the Maior and Aldermen.

This day alsoe the said Richard Allright brought into the Hall

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3 bonds wherein John Newbery stands bound to the Corporacion for payment of xx*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift, and one other bond wherein Phillipp Smith stands bound for the payment of seaven poundes.

Widowe Blackman. Ordered that the yearely allowance to Widowe Blackman of fower nobles per annum be put into the rentrole for the Hall revenues to be paid by the Chamberlaine quarterly.

Henry Tubb. Agreed that it be considered whether Henry Tubb shall henceforth have any yearely payment out of the revenue of the House of Correccion, and that William Wooddes and Henry Tubb be convented to that purpose.

Edward Poole. Agreed that the prosecucion of the suite-in-lawe against Edward Poole's sureties be respited till the next terme.

[p. 196.] Wensday, 15° February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone*. Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge*, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison*, Mr. Thomas Bateman*, Mr. Peter Thorne*, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Charles Gregory. Charles Gregorie's wife complained that shee is distrained for 3*s.* for an amerciament for hoggs goeing in the streete and desired some abatement; whereupon, upon her tendring of 3*s.*, xij*d.* is restored with her flaggon, John Bartlet received the mony.

Thomas Pinnocke. Thomas Pynnocke being alsoe distrained for 3*s.* 4*d.* for amerciament for hoggs promiseth reformacion, and the Company accepted xviij*d.* in full.

Francis Johnson. Upon the complaint of Francis Johnson concerning his amerciament by the Jury. They are to be consulted with and then the Company will consider of it.

Robert Clarke's wife. Upon the complaint of Robert Clarke's wife concerning his amerciament of 4*s.* for hoggs, the Company accepted of 2*s.* in full.

Mr. Symon Dee. Agreed that Mr. Symon Dee giveing bond

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with his 2 sonnes for 3 months shall have 100*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift upon interest, which the Hall owed.

William Butler. William Butler, apprentice to Luke Butler, cordwayner, seaven yeares, as his mother and Roberte Skeate doe affirme, desireth to [be] admitted a freeman of this Borough; resolved that it be considered, and that hee attend this day senight.

Mr. Symon Dee. Agreed that Mr. Symon Dee shall have 100*li.* of Mr. Richard Johnson's guift for 3 months, upon interest, upon his owne and his two sonnes' security.

Robert James. Agreed that Mr. Robert James shall receive all the remainder of the monies upon Mr. Allrighte's accompt with the monies for entertaynement of the visitors.

Assizes. Agreed that the charges for entertainement of the Judges at the next Assizes be as formerly.

Amerciamentes. Severall persons complayning for the monies distreyned for amerciamentes, agreed that,

Charles Gregorie for 3*s.* hath paid but 2*s.*

Thomas Pynnocke for 3*s.* 4*d.* paid but 8*d.*

Robert Clarke's wife but 2*s.*

all which was paid to John Bartlett.

Francis Johnson. Francis Johnson complayneth for being amerced for an encroachment; denyeth that there is any such encroachment.

[p. 197.] Wensdaye, the 22th of February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Edward Poole. Agreed that Edward Poole's bond for 50*li.* be delivered upp upon payment of the money and charges: the charge is nowe paid to Mr. Knight.

William Butler. William Butler againe desireing to be admitted freeman of this Corporacion, the Company will further consider of it till hee produce a certificate of his age.

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John Lambe. John Lambe being amerced and distrained for an annoyance by a gutter and hoggs desireth some mittigacion; whereupon resolved that hee be abated *7s.*, the other *7s.* is nowe paid to Nicholas Lanfeare.

Mr. Knight. Mr. Knight produced a bill of charges in suites-at-lawe for the Corporacion but is appointed to bring itt againe this daye senight.

Inhabitantes of Combe. Memorandum, a charter was produced to John Bartlet who renteth the toll of the Markett that the tenantes to the Colledge landes of the Colledges called Kinge's Colledge, Queene's Colledge and St. Marie's Colledge, in Cambridge, are free of all tolls, &c., throughout England. This was produced by Mr. Whistler and the Inhabitantes of Coombe in the county of Southampton, who saye that they are all tenantes to some or one of the said Colledges.

[p. 198.] Munday, 27° February, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Mr. Stroughill. Agreed that a peticion be prepared and exhibited to the Justices of Assizes concerning the stayeing of Mr. Stroughill's tryall.

William Sturdye. This daye William Sturdye was elected an Almes-man in the roome of old Mountegue, deceased, to be placed in the Almes-howse nowe void by his death, of John Alarder's foundacion.

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[p. 199.] Wensdaye, the 8th of March, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin*, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone*, Mr. Symon Dee*, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye*, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave*, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James*, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades*, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed*, Clement Marlowe*, William Castell.

Robert Ferbrand. Upon the complaint of Robert Ferbrand against his Master, James Belsgrove, for beating and abusing him and strikeing of him in the Townehall, the said Belsgrove is to finde suretyes by to-morrowe in the afternoone at Mr. Maiour's house to answere at the next Sessions of the Borough.

And the said Robert Ferbrand maketh oath that the last night the said James Belsgrave did prophanely sweare two oathes, vizt. by his Maker and by God.

Francis Browne. Francis Browne became a suitor in the behalfe of his brother Richard Browne's sonne (being a very poore childe) to have 10*li.* of the Bishopp's guift to place him forth apprentice.

Salters' Hall. A lettre to be written from Mr. Burningham to the Judges at Salters' Hall to excuse him from his attendance there next Friday, intending to be there the next Friday after.

Charitable uses. Resolved that Mr. Burningham doe attend the Commissioners for Charitable uses at Guildhall next weeke in the behalfe of the Corporacion.

The Towne morgages. Resolved that Councell be advised with concerning the mortgages of the Towne landes, for that purpose the Chartre whereby they were given to be shewen.

[p. 200.] Satturday, 18o March, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. William Wylder.

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Assistantes.

Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt.

At this meeting the new Chest was opened to see whether any of the Chartres were there, but none was found therein.

The Chartres of Henry 8, Henry 6 and Queene Elizabeth were nowe in parte perused to see what landes are given to the Corporacion.

Richard Alright. Memorandum, whereas upon the account of Richard Allright, late Chamberlen, the 8th of February last, there remayned in stocke:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the Hall revenues . . .	118	11	0
Upon Mr. John Kendricke's . .	100	10	10
Upon the Bishop's, of Canterbury . ,	020	13	0
Of apprentice-money . . .	010	00	0
	249	14	10

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Robert James. Whereof Mr. Symon Dee received by order of the Company upon bond, which was formerly oweing by the Hall to Mr. Richard Johnson's guift	100	00	00
And Mr. Robert James, nowe Chamberlen, received the residue of the 118*li.* 11*s.* being . .	018	11	00
And of the said Mr. Kendricke's . .	100	10	10
Of the Bishop of Canterbury . . .	000	13	00
And of apprentice-money . . .	010	00	00
	229	14	10

Soe 20*li.* of the Bishop's gift yet remaynes in the hands of the said Mr. Allright.

[Signed] Edward Wilmer.

18° October, 1654.

Then Mr. William Mills, *Maior*, acknowledged that hee hath now received of th' above-named Mr. Richard Allright the above-mencioned summe of twenty poundes, which remayned in his hands of the Bishop of Canterburye's gift.

Witnes, Edward Wilmer.

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[p. 201.] Quarter-daye, Mundaye, the 20th of March, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James, Joel Stephens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Gownes. An order signed touching the Aldermen and Assistantes coming to Hall and Church decently apparelled, &c.

Assistantes to provide gownes. Ordered that Thomas Blower, Roger Stevens, Clement Marlowe and William Castell, fower of the Assistantes of this Borough, doe severally provide a decent gowne against next Quarter-daye upon forfeiture of x*s*. a-peice upon every one of them makeing default.

Robert Pigeon, Henry Mapleton. Upon heareing of the difference betweene Robert Pigeon and Henry Mappleton and upon examinacions taken on both sides, finding the fault to be in the apprentice, it is ordered that the said apprentice be sent to the Howse of Correccion.

William Butler. Upon heareing the allegacions of John Asten, Richard Clacke, John Jemmatt, and other shoomakers, alleaging that William Butler ought not to be made free of this Corporacion, for that his father, Luke Butler, was but a cobler (and noe shoomaker) which is noe trade; resolved therefore that hee shall not be admitted into the liberty of the Borough as a freeman.

Thomas Hollyer. Agreed that some speedy course be taken by distresse against Thomas Hollyer for his arrers of the annuity of 40*li*. for Sir Thomas Vachell's Almes-howses and Almes-men.

William Parr. Resolved that the Company will purchase William Parr's meade for which hee hath already 50*li*., and that

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notice be given to him that the mony is readye by Serjeant Bartlett.

Thomas Sandelon. Thomas Sandelon desireing to renue his lease of the house, parte of Mr. William Kendricke's guift, which was formerly letten to Richard Payne at iij*li.* per annum; agreed that the Company will.

[p. 202.] William Easton, Anne Lovejoy. Upon reading the severall peticions of William Easton, Anne Lovejoye, Barnard Jerome; agreed that they attend Mr. Maior for some releife.

William Cantrell. Resolved that some course be taken that William Cantrell's land be sold for payment of the 200*li.*

William Bennett, Leonard Welbecke. William Bennette's lease and Leonard Welbecke's lease are appoynted to be sealed on Friday next.

Mr. Thomas Thackham. Mr. Thomas Thackham desireing to renue his lease of certen howsing and gardens at Old Yeldhall, to put in a third life, respited untill another tyme.

[p. 203.] Wensdaye, the 22th of March, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

Mr. John Kendricke. Mr. Blagrave this daye gave an account concerning his and Mr. Burningham's attendance upon the Commissioners for Charitable uses, and declared that the first Thursdaye in the next terme is appointed for resolucion of the question,

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whether the Commissioners in London have power to order Mr. John Kendricke's guift which was given to the Towne of Readinge.

Dutch prisoners, Mr. Pownsett. A particuler of what monyes Mr. Allright received from Mr. Pownsett for releife of the Dutch prisoners lately in Reading;

	li.	*s.*
Imprimis	9	15
Item	9	00
Item	14	07
Item	11	13
Item	09	16
Item	10	09
	65	00

[p. 204.] Good-Fridaye, the 24th of March, 1653.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Bracksten *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castle.

This daye the examinacion and eleccion of 3 poore Maid-servantes to cast lottes for the 20 nobles (parte of Mr. John Blagrave's guift) was in this manner, in each parishe one, according to the will of the donor:

1. In Laurence parishe { Mawdlyn Dell, servant to Richard Welbecke 8 yeares.
2. In Marie's parishe { Joane Haines, servant to William Tatnall neere 9 yeares.
3. In St. Giles' parishe { Elizabeth Kirton, servant to Martin Hobbs.

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Which 3 Maides soe elected did cast lottes, to witt;

Mawlin Dell, 9

Joane Haynes, 9

Elizabeth Kirton, 12, soe won the lott, 6*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

This day William Mylam, tenant to Mr. Blagrave's land, out of which x*li.* per annum is issueing, whereof 10*li.* to be disposed this daye according to his will, brought only 9*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in a letherne purse, refuseing to pay any more, sayeing hee had paid the rest for the monthly taxes for the Army last yeare: ordered that Mr. Joel Steevens, Chamberlen for Charitable uses, doe lay downe 16*s.* 8*d.* out of other Charitable uses, and that entry be made upon the lands.

The distribucion of which 10*li.* was in this manner:

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
To the said Elizabeth Kirton, who won the same by lott	6	13	4
To the Preacher this daye . . .	0	10	0
To the Churchwardens of St. Laurence parishe, for 60 poore weomen . . .	1	0	0
To the Churchwardens of St. Marie's parishe, for 60 poore weomen	1	0	0
To the Churchwardens of St. Giles' parishe, for 24 poore weomen	0	6	0
To the Junior Churchwarden of Laurence parishe .	0	3	4
To the Clarke and Sexten there . .	0	6	8
To the Towne Clarke . . .	0	0	8
	[10	0	0]

This daye Thomas Mulford and Peter Blye, two poore young men that had served their apprenticeshipps within this Borough since the death of John Eyres, were chosen to have (and then received) 40*s.* a-peice, of the guift of the said John Eyres, in pursuance of his will.

[p. 205.] And the whole 5*li.* of the guift of John Eyres was nowe distributed in this manner, vizt.

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	li.	s.	d.
To the aforesaid Thomas Mumford . .	2	0	0
To the aforesaid Peter Blye . . .	2	0	0
To 7 poore labouring men in Laurence parishe .	0	7	0
To 7 poore labouring men in Giles' parishe .	0	7	0
To 6 poore labouring men in Marie's parishe .	0	6	0
	5	0	0

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. William Brackston's guift was this daye distributed as followeth, vizt.

	li.	s.	d.
To 60 poore widowes in Laurence parishe .	1	0	0
To 60 poore widowes in Marie's parishe .	1	0	0
To 60 poore widowes in Giles' parishe . .	1	0	0
To 20^{ty} poore men, vizt. 7 in St. Laurence parishe, 7 in Marie's, and 6 in Giles' . .	1	0	0
	4	0	0

Alsoe iiij*li.* of Mr. William Legg's guift is nowe distributed to 24 poore housholders, 3*s.* 4*d.* a-peice, vizt.

8 in Laurence parishe
8 in Marie's parishe, and
8 in Giles' parishe.

Alsoe iij*li.* of Widowe Worslye's guift is nowe distributed to 60 poore widowes, xij*d.* a-peice, vizt.

25 in Giles' parishe
25 in Lawrence parishe, and
10 in Marie's parishe.

[p. 206.] Munday, the 27th of March, 1654.

'Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Willyam Wylder, Mr. Willyam Mills.

[Assistants.]

Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, Thomas Blower, Roger Stevens, William Oades.

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William Parr. Agreed that William Parr's land be purchased with parte of Mr. Aldworth's guift and that a tender of the mony be made on Friday next to Mr. Brackstone.

William Cleere. At this daye upon consideracion had touching the employment of a stocke of money in Mr. John Kendricke's Workhouse; ordered that William Cleere, clothier, shall have 100*li.* of the said Mr. Kendricke's guift to be employed in the trade of clothing in the same Howse. The said 100*li.* to be had in this manner, vizt. 50*li.* of Captain Curtis, which he owes upon bond, and 50*li.* otherwayes, upon good security to be given for repayment of the mony.

William Butler. This daye William Butler, sonne of Luke Butler, desired to be made free of the Towne to use the trade of a shoomaker there, but was denied the same in regard hee hath not served his time as an apprentice to a freeman of this Borough.

William Cleere. Agreed that the above-named William Cleere shall worke, weave and dresse his cloth in the House and not elswhere; and that Mr. Maior, Mr. Wylder, Mr. Jemmatt and Mr. Stevens doe speedily viewe the Howse and sett forth convenient roomes for the said William Cleere for useing the said trade.

[p. 207.] Wensdaye, the 5th of Aprill, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Deputy Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castle.

Mr. Stroughill. Upon debate of the busines concerning Mr. Stroughill, Mr. Burningham and Mr. Brackston are appointed to attend Judge Atkins att London the second day of the next terme for his resolucion therein.

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Mr. John Kendricke. And the said Mr. Burningham and Mr. Brackstone are alsoe appoynted to goe to London on Tuesday next to attend at Yeldhall on Thursday senight before the Commissioners for Charitable uses concerning Mr. John Kendricke's guift in question there.

Agreed that William Bennette's and Leonard Welbecke's leases be forthwith sealed.

James Marten. James Marten, late apprentice to Mr. Thomas Cope seaven yeares by indenture, proved by his Master, is admitted a freeman of this Borough.

Leete. Munday fortnight, the 24th of Aprill instant, is appoynted for the holding of the Leete and Lawe-day of this Borough.

James Winch. Agreed and resolved upon the question that James Winch shalbe removed out of the Workhowse and that a lease of ejectment be sealed to Nicholas Lanfeare for that purpose.

William Cleere. This day Mr. Mills in the behalfe of William Cleere proposed his security for 100*li.* to be employed in the Workhowse, vizt.

Thomas Southey .	of Binfeild, yeomen.
Nathaniel Hawthorne .	
John West .	

[p. 208.] Wensdaye, the 19th of Aprill, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Simon Dee, *Deputy Maiour.* Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

[1] Sir Thomas White. At this meeting the Company understandinge that two places in St. John's Colledge in Oxford, of Sir Thomas White's guift, are and have been long since void, went downe into the Free Schole and there with the assistance and approbacion of Mr. Fowler and Mr. Ford, and Mr. Reeve, schoolmaster, elected two Schollers of the said Schoole, vizt., John Gripp and Edward Woodward, to be presented to supply those vacant places in the said Colledge att the next eleccion of the Colledge; and for that purpose a lettre is prepared to be sent by Mr. Fowler and John Bartlett to attend him.

[1] Schollers, *written at the top of p.* 207.

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[p. 209.] Munday, the 24th of Aprill, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Peter Burningham, *Deputy Maior.* Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills *, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Steward.

This day the Court-Leete and Law-daye of and for this Borough was holden in the Guildhall there before Peter Burningham, Esq., senior Alderman, and Deputy Maior (by deputacion, under the hand and seale of Mr. Henry Frewin, Maior).

The names of the Jury.

John Kent	Samuel Weller
Robert Staples	James Blewett
Thomas Ward	Hugh Quicke
John Bartlett	William Wilder
John Rose	Henry Bennett
John Butler	Joseph Cleere
William Speed	Thomas Browne
John Creed	Francis Murwin
John Payse	John Percey.
John Kenton	

John Kent
Robert Staples
Thomas Ward
John Bartlett } Affierers.

Debate was had concerning the 500*li.* awarded to be paid by Judge Atkins to Mr. Stroughill, in satisfaccion of a bond of 1000*li.*, whereof 200*li.* is to be paid at Midsomer next, and 300*li.* by 100*li.* per annum afterwardes, for which 300*li.* security is to be given by the 6th of May next.

[p. 210.] Tuesday, the 25th of Aprill, 1654.

Aldermen [2].

Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard

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Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes[3].

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Steevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Suitours for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift: Henry Freeman, Walter Fellowes, David Maye (promised), William Cleere, Joseph East, junior.

[p. 211.] Wensday, 3° May, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castle.

John Johnson. Upon the complaint of John Johnson against Thomas Belchamber for not arresting on howse, the said Thomas Belchamber promised payment of the debt within a month.

Henry Freeman. Upon Henry Freeman's further suite for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's money to be lent, hee is answered that there is but one 50*li.* in hand, which is promised to be lent to David Maye.

William Brookman. Upon the complaint of William Brookman that there will be a lease of ejectment sealed upon his howse in Rotten Rewe, which hee holds of the Corporacion; resolved that when hee suffers any dammage the Company will consider of itt.

[3] The names are not marked. * Marked as absent.

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Mr. Ford, Mr. Reeve. Upon debate of the Bishopp of Canterburye's guift to the Minister of St. Lawrence and the Schoolmaster of the Free Schoole, concerning the assessementes upon their yearely stipends; resolved that Mr. Reeve, the Scholemaster, be paid at present his full payment without any deduccion for assessementes; and that Mr. Ford, the Minister, shall have all his stipend due, deducting his proporcion of the monthly assessementes.

[p. 212.] Wensday, 10 Maij, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Richard Allright, Robert James, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades.

St. John's Colledge. Mr. Fowler declaring that hee had received a lettre from St. John's Colledge in Oxford, intymating that some allowance was given to the young Schollers of Reading that came to the same Colledge and desireing the continuance thereof from the Company: resolved (nemine contradicente) that for the time to come the allowance of 40*s*. a yeare for each Scholler shalbe contynued.

John Pococke. Richard Reddatt made oath that John Pococke did once prophanely sweare by God, and being required did presently paye iij*s*. for the use of the poore of Laurence parishe.

Mr. Burningham. Ordered that Mr. Burningham doe attend the Commissioners for Charitable uses at Yeldhall, London, on Thursdaye, the 18th of Maye instant, in the behalfe of the Corporacion.

Mr. Stroughill. Debate had concerning Judge Atkins' order in referrence to Mr. Stroughill's busines with the Corporacion, which order Mr. Brackstone did then produce, but nothing was done therein.

Margaret Hartwell. Margaret Hartwell upon examinacion saith shee lived neere 20 yeares with the Lady Wright and in Reading neere half a yeare, utterly denieth that shee knowes or was ever conversant with the Cawsham man, or that shee was ever in Homer's

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feild in Caversham; direccions given to Nicholas Lanfeare that shee be searched.

William Underwood. William Underwood desireing to have the benefitt of the Bishop's guift with an apprentice; answered that when the Boyes be chosen next Michaelmas it shalbe considered in his favor.

William Underwood declared that to his knowledge John Mihill had about 2 hundred-weight of lead in his custodie, which did belong to Mr. Kendricke's workhouse: ordered that the Chamberlens doe make enquiry concerning the same.

Isaak Butler. Isaak Butler informeth that hee being one of the Watch the last night and executing of his office was very much abused by the wife of Thomas Meare very late in the night; whereupon shee is forbidden to keepe alehouse any longer.

John Grey. William Lewendon, sonne of Richard Lewendon, laborer, deceased, to be bound apprentice to John Grey, gardiner, for [*blank*] yeares; John Grey to have 5*li.* of Mr. Marten's money with the apprentice upon such security as the Company shall approve of.

Thomas Wheeler. Thomas Wheeler, a stranger, confessed hee had wrought in Towne at the trade of a broadweaver: ordered that hee procure a certificate from the place from whence hee came within a fortnight.

[p. 213.] Mundaye, the 15th of Maye, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dye, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

This daye the Exchequer decree concerning Mr. John Kendricke's guift, the printed will, and the last order of the Commissioners at Guildhall were delivered to Mr. Burningham to carry upp to London in order to the tryall there on Thursdaye next.

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Wensdaye, the 17th of Maye, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell.

Mr. Hollowaye. Agreed that Mr. Richard Hollowaye doe imediatly goe to London and bring downe the affidavits.

24° Maij, 1654.

Mr. Maiour, Mr. Thackham, Mr. Wooldridge, Mr. Blagrave.

A bond delivered to Arthur Curtis wherein his Master, John Michell, is to pay him 5*li.* at the end of his apprenticeshipp of the Bishopp's guift.

[p. 214.] Mundaye, the 29th of Maye, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Alright, Thomas Blower, Samuel Jemmatt.

Mr. Knight. Mr. Walter Knight delivered in a copie of Mr. John Webb's will, which is to be further compared and examined with the originall by Mr. Knight or Mr. Wilmer.

William Brookman. Ordered that the Chamberlen doe pay such

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charges as William Brookman hath been att by reason of a suite against him in Chancery about a house in Rotten Rewe.

Thomas Hollyer. Ordered that further consideracion be forthwith had touching the arrers of Sir Thomas Vachell's guift oweing by Thomas Hollyer.

Estreats. Mr. Wilmer speedily to estreate the last amerciamentes for the Court-Leete.

[p. 215.] Wensday, 31 Maij, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Peter Thorne.

Assistants.

Richard Alright, Robert James, William Beislye, Samuel Jemmatt, Roger Stevens.

Mr. John Blagrave. Debate had concerning Mr. John Blagrave's guift: ordered that Mr. Maior and Samuel Jemmatt doe goe to London the next weeke and take order about the triall.

Mr. Cope this daie declared that some monyes formerly collected for the visited people were in the hands of Mr. Bateman, Mr. John Harrison, Clement Marlowe and others: ordered that they be warned to attend att Hall next Fridaye and the accompt to be then stated.

Memorandum, next Friday to viewe the bonds for the Lottery money.

[p. 216.] Wensday, the 14th of June, 1654.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Deputy Maiour*, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. William Wylder.

A lettre read which was sent from Mr. Knight, touching the busines in Chancery concerning Mr. Blagrave.

John Jerome. Memorandum, John Jerrome is a suitor for 12*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guift in the steed of Nicholas Midleton, deceased.

John Grey. John Grey's security for the 5*li.* to be lent to him are William Belchamber and Lawrence Jemmatt.

William Lewington, sonne of [*blank*] Lewingdon, deceased.

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Munday, the 19th of June, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Thomas Thackham, *Deputy Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

A warrant received from the Sheriffe for eleccion of a Burgesse to serve in Parliament for this Borough: resolved that publicacion be thereof made on Wensday next in order to the eleccion which is appointed on Wensday the 28th instant by ten in the morning at the Townhall.

Communicacion concerning the eleccion of a High Steward for this Corporacion.

21° Junij, 1654.

Mr. Thackham, Mr. Mills, Mr. Cope.

Thomas Spicer being questioned for sayeing that Mr. Cope had peticioned against the keeping of the Assizes in Reading, saith hee heard itt soe reported by John Durfold.

[p. 217.] Quarter-day, Munday, the 26th of June, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin. *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

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Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Mr. Blagrave's will and lease. At this tyme Mr. Maior brought in to the Hall the [book] wherein Mr. John Blagrave's will is entred and the counterparte of the lease letten to Mr. Daniel Blagrave.

Agreed that an account of the monyes disbursed in suites of lawe or equity touching Mr. John Blagrave's will be taken and made readie to carry upp to London.

Widowe Greenewood. Resolved that Anne Greenewood, a poore widowe, be placed in the Almes-howse nowe void by the death of Widowe Smith, being one of Mr. Barnard Harrison's Alme[s]-houses.

Mr. Michell. Resolved that Mr. Michell have notice to attend the busines at Guildhall, London, touching Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

Doctor Swaddon. Mr. Walter Knight acquainted the Company that Mr. Dawson, of Alesbury, hath arrers of Doctor Swaddon's guift in his handes; whereupon itt is refered to Mr. Joel Stevens, Chamberlen, to take care to send for it.

John Alarder. Upon the peticion of John A-Larder's Almes-men and perusall of his will; resolved that the Chamberlens doe viewe the two howses to which there is noe allowance and make report at the next meetinge whether they may [be] conveniently made into three habitacions.

Thomas Hollyer. Upon debate of the arrers due by Thomas Hollyer to Sir Thomas Vachell's Almes-men, it is thought fitt that Robert James, Chamberlen, doe enter an accion against the said Hollyer for recovery of 10*li.* promised to be paid.

Edward Paldwin, ostler att the Beare, being convicted by the oathes of 2 witnesses for swearing 6 oathes, is to pay 36*s.* 8*d.* or sitt in Stocks 33 houres; whereupon hee laid downe the whole money to Mr. Maiour; and for his abuse of the watchmen is bound over to the next Sessions for this Borough, prout patet.

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[p. 218.] High Steward. Resolved upon the question that Robert Hammond, Esq., be and is hereby nominated and chosen High Steward of this Borough; and that the Company attend him an houre after the goeing from the Hall to acquaint him with their eleccion.

George Lowgrove. Agreed that Lowgrove's lease of the land att Burghfeild be examined touching the payment of the quitrent now demaunded by Mr. John Curtis.

Leonard Welbecke. Upon the sealing of Leonard Welbecke's lease and upon his request in consideracion of his greate charges in building upon John A-Larder's land; it is agreed by the Company that if one of his three lives named in the lease die within ten yeares next comming, then for xx*s.* the Company will add another life in steed thereof.

Thomas Sandelon. Agreed that Thomas Sandelon have a lease for 99 yeares determinable on 3 lives at the old rent, hee layeing out xx*li.* upon the reparacions thereof within one yeare next comming.

Phillipp Browne. At this tyme Phillipp Browne was elected and chosen to be one of the poore men to receive xij*d.* a weeke a-peice of Mr. Thomas Deane's guift; hee is chosen in the roome of Nicholas Middleton, deceased.

John Grey. John Greye's security for 5*li.* of Mr. Marten's guift with his apprentice is accepted, vizt. William Belchamber and Laurence Jemmatt.

[p. 219.] Wensday, the 28th of June, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Holloway *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castle.

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Memorandum, John Bartlett, Serjeant, hath 42*s.* of Mr. Marten's money, which hee received of one Evans.

And Nicholas Lanfeare received 3*li.* 15*s.* of Thomas Symons his wife towardes Richard Johnson's money.

[p. 220.] Wensdaye, the 5th daye of July, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henrie Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

Henry Earlett. This daye the Company being informed that there is a mare in the custodie of Henry Earlett, lately brought into his howse by a man that lodged there, who is suspected to have stollen the said mare; and therefore itt is resolved that the said mare be seized upon as a waife in the behalfe of the Corporacion; the care thereof is left to Nicholas Lanfeare.

John Bartlett. Upon the motion of John Bartlett, acquainting the Company that hee is prohibited from payment of his rent of the toll of the Markett to the Company by Mris. Dewell, the consideracion thereof is defer'd till the next meeting.

Smith, Garland, Rumsey. Upon heareing of the differences betweene Phillipp Smith and Garland and Rumsey, it is thought fitt that they be heard and determined (if itt may be) by Nicholas Lanfeare and John Bartlett.

Widowe Stanton. Widowe Browne, a poore woman, living in one of the 8 howses of John A-Larder's by St. Marie's Churchyard, desired that Widowe Stanton might be placed in the house with her to cohabite; agreed that itt be further considered of.

Thomas Brockett, a clothier, desireth a loomb's roomth in

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Mr. Kendricke's Workhouse; and thereupon itt is agreed that Mr. Mills doe goe with him to the Howse to see the conveniency of itt.

Mr. Burningham. A noate signed by Mr. Maiour for Mr. James, Chamberlen, to paye to Mr. Burningham 10*li.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, according to his bill nowe brought in, for monyes and charges expended in the behalfe of the Corporacion.

[p. 221.] Wensday, the 19th of July, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistantes.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joell Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

Goodwife Wympey. This daye Goodwife Wympey, wife of John Wympey, brought in 54*s.* for halfe a yeare's rent due at Midsomer last, for the house given by Mr. Webb for the maintenance of the fower poore Almes-people on the North side of St. Marie's gate: the halfe yeare's rent is 5*li.*, whereof shee is allowed according to Mr. Webb's agreament for makeing of a chimney xl*s.*, and vj*s.* for the monthly assessement.

Robert Mumford. Christopher Allnut of Reading, taylor, maketh oath that, att the daye of eleccion of a Burgesse for this Borough to serve in Parliament the 28th of June last, Robert Mumford of Reading aforesaid, taylor, in the Townehall in a reviling manner said that if the Maior and Company had their due they had been all hanged long agoe. Bound by recognizance to appeare at the next Sessions for this Borough and in the meanetyme be of good behaviour.

Widowe Smee. Widowe Smee desireing roomth in the Workehowse of Mr. John Kendricke's foundacion to sett poore children

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on worke, it is agreed that one of the Chamberlens doe goe with her to viewe the roomths and then the Company will consider of itt.

John Alarder. Resolved upon the question that two more people besides the five that are placed in John Alarder's Almes-houses be contynued there to receive a proporcionable part of the revenue with the other five towards their releife and maintenance, vizt., those seaven to have equall shares.

Mr. Webb's deedes and counterparte of the lease of the howse, which John Wympey holdeth, to be brought into the Hall.

Francis Plucknet, a stranger, journeyman shoomaker, warned to depart the Towne forthwith.

[p. 222.] Wensdaye, the second of August, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mylles, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Alright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castell *.

William Blacknall. Agreed that a lettre be sent to Mr. Vachell, acquainting him with the death of William Woodcocke, one of Sir Thomas Vachell's Almes-men, and that the Company have made choice of William Blacknall to be placed in the roome of the said Woodcocke; resolved upon the question that William Blacknall be placed as an Almes-man in Sir Thomas Vachell's Almes-houses in the roome of William Woodcocke, deceased.

25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift. Mr. Robert James, Chamberlen, acquainted the Company that hee hath received 25[illegible] of Richard Greenawaye, parte of Sir Thomas White's guift.

This day some deeds were brought into the Hall concerning the howse given to Charitable uses by Mr. John Webb, deceased.

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Mr. Bateman. This day there was some debate had concerning 13*li.* formerly received by Mr. John Bateman, in the time of his Maioralty, of the then Constables as surplus of a rate made for releife of the visited people; and thereupon it is ordered that the Constables' accounts for that yeare be lookt out and perused.

Agreed that Mr. Blagrave doe drawe upp some instruccions for Colonel Hammond in order to a peticion for the disposing of the Workhowse, &c., of Mr. John Kendricke's guift for the benefitt of the poore; and that Mr. Blagrave shall have the copies of the complaint and answere which were before the Commissioners for Charitable uses for this County touching that guift; and alsoe that Colonel Hammond be acquainted with the state of the case touching Sir Humfrey Forster in order to the further prosecution of that busines.

Resolved that Mr. Maior and Mr. Harrison, or Mr. Blower, doe goe to London to attend the busines aforesaid with all convenient speed.

Widowe Purdrie and Goodwife Dewe refuse to paye their amerciaments.

[p. 223.] Wensday, 16° August, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *.

John Barker. Resolved upon the question that John Barker, broadweaver, be put and placed in the Almes-house of Mr. William Kendrick's guift void upon the death of Thomas Underwood.

William Cantrell. Resolved that some speedy course be taken for the money for which William Cantrell is in execucion.

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Thomas Underwood. Resolved upon the question that Thomas Underwood is appointed to have xij*d.* a weeke of Mr. Deane's guift.

William Cantrell. Agreed that a lettre be sent to Mr. Michell concerning the speedy getting of the money for which Mr. William Cantrell is in execucion.

William Bedford. Agreed that Robert Welbecke be taken security with William Bedford in the steed of Widowe Browne and her sonnes for the mony shee oweth of Mr. Marten's guift.

Mr. Burningham. At this tyme Mr. Peter Burningham, upon the motion of Mr. Maior, did expresse his willingnes to resigne his place of Alderman, affirming that it stood not with his conveniency to live in the Towne.

Sir Thomas White. Agreed [that] a lettre of atturney be made to Mr. Richard Hollowaye to receive 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift due 3 yeares since at Marchantaylors' Hall.

Ordered that the amerciaments upon the Brewers be forth-with leavied.

Mr. Robert James is appointed to enquire and report to the Company who receives the 40*s.* of Mr. William Kendricke's guift for lights in St. Marie's Church.

[p. 224.] Eleccion-daye, Munday, the 28th of August, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. William Mills, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Steevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Saboth Letchwood. Upon the peticion of Saboath Letchwood, heyward, agreed that hee shall have x*s.* a yeare entred upon the rentrolle and paid as formerly.

Henry Freeman. Upon the peticion of Henry Freeman, agreed

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that hee have 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendrick's guift, the next that comes in, upon his security to be approved of on Wensdaye next.

Robert Browne. Upon the peticion of Robert Browne of Sonning, basketmaker, desireing to be admitted into the liberty of the Corporacion, nothing agreed upon.

Mr. Aldworth. Agreed that some course be taken touching Mr. Aldworth's guift.

M^ris^ Hatton. Agreed that speedy course be taken against M^ris^ Hatton for her rent arrere, and what estate shee hath.

John A-Larder. Agreed that the 3 poore weomen in the Almes-houses (not formerly in paye), of John A-Larder's guift, have equall share in the revenues with the other five poore people, and that they attend on Wensday next to sett downe their names.

2 Loombs. Agreed that the Company be put in minde on Wensdaye next to take some course about the two Loombs belonging to Mr. Kendricke's workhouse.

Constables. Agreed upon the complaint of Richard Hunt and Roger Sherfeild, late Constables of this Borough, that when they bring in their accounts a tax shalbe made to rayse monyes to reimburse them and the present Constables for monyes by them layd out in releife of maymed Souldiers and Marriners, and carriage of Criples, &c.

[p. 225.] This daye the Maior and Aldermen, by direccions of their Chartre, did name 3 of themselves to sitt in eleccion this last Mundaye in August in the Townehall, to the intent that one of those three soe named should by the said Maior, the rest of the Aldermen and Assistantes be elected Maior of this Borough for the yeare next ensueing, vizt.

Mr. Peter Burningham, IIIIIIIIII [10].

Mr. William Mills, IIIIIIIIIIII [12], elected Maior.

Mr. Thomas Cope.

At this tyme alsoe the said Maiour and Aldermen did name and elect Joel Stevens and Samuel Jemmatt to be Chamberlaynes of this Borough for the next yeare.

Ordered that the ancient salary of threescore poundes be allowed to Mr. William Mills, the Maiour elect, towardes the defrayeing of the charges of his Maioralty.

Thomas Hollyer. The money due to the Almes-men by Thomas Hollyer is 4*li.* 12*s.*, besides the x*li.* due upon the accion

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brought against him in this Court by Joel Stevens, which hee hath confessed.

Agreed that from Midsomer last (since which tyme noe monyes have been received by the Almes-men) all the rent shalbe from time to time paid the Chamberlen for Charitable uses, who is to paye the same to the Almes-men and to be therefore accountable att the end of the yeare.

Thomas Hollyer confessed that 1 quarter's rent for the maintenance of the Almes-men was at first paid before-hand, and the reason was because there was nothing paid to the Almes-men the first quarter after the beginning of his lease.

George Lamport. Agreed that the bill of charges brought in by George Lamport concerning the suite brought by Costard against him and Smith shall be satisfied by the Company.

[p. 226.] Wensday, the 30th of August, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. William Mills, *Maior elect*, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

This daye some persons amerced by the former Jury, whose amerciamentes are estreated and warrant given for leavyeing thereof by distresse, appeared, vizt.

William Adland for light waightes amerced 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid 2*s.* 6*d.*

William Dewe for selling Beere to unlicensed Alehouskeepers 12*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, paid 4*li.* 4*s.*

These summes paid were delivered to John Bartlett.

Robert Welbecke, for the like 17*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, promised to make payment at Mr. Maiour's house in the afternoone.

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This daye senight the unlicensed Alehouskeepers are to appeare.

Resolved upon the question that 6*s.* 8*d.* in the pound be accepted for the amerciamentes estreated upon the Brewers.

[p. 227.] Wensday, 6° September, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. William Mills, *elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castle *.

[No business recorded for this day.]

[p. 228.] Munday, 11° September, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour.* Mr. William Mills, *Maiour elect,* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham *, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants [4].

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stephens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

[No business recorded for this day.]

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[4] The Assistants' names are not marked.

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[p. 229.] Wensday, 13° September, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. William Mills, *Maior elect*, Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants [5].

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stephens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

At this tyme Ambrose Freeman of Henley, gent., Edward Kent of Reading, lynnendraper, and Francis Parfitt of Mortymer, yeoman, are accepted for security for Henry Freeman for 50*li.* of Mr. John Kendricke's guift.

[p. 230.] Quarter-day, Munday, the 25th day of September, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. William Mills, *Maiour elect*, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stephens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell.

Greinmer Hill coppices. George Harrison in the behalfe of Thomas Pococke desired that hee maye bargaine for the fellable wood att Greinmer Hill; whereupon agreed that Robert James

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[5] Only W. Beislye present.

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and Samuel Jemmatt doe and are hereby appoynted to viewe the Coppices on Wensdaye next and report their opinion to the Company with what speed they cann.

Thomas Hollyer. Resolved that the execucion against Thomas Hollyer be forthwith leavyed.

104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift. Mr. Hollowaye acquainted the Company that hee hath received 104*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift from Marchantaylours' Hall due at Bartholmewtide last; and that hee paid 45*s.*, parcell of the 4*li.* to Officers at Marchantaylours' Hall, and is appointed to bring in a bill of his owne charges about that busines.

Joseph Hall. Upon the peticion of Joseph Hall, clothier, agreed that hee shall have 25*li.*, parcell of Sir Thomas White's guift for 10 yeares upon the security of Richard Stevenson, brasier, John Kent, clothier, and James Hall, with the said Joseph payeing his freedome money.

Samuel Johnson. Samuel Johnson, clothier, is a suitor for 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift, but not promised at this tyme.

Thomas Huling. Upon the peticion of Thomas Hulinge for a lease of a peice of ground in the occupacion of Sarah Floyd; the Chamberlaines are to viewe the ground and to speake with the woman and make their report to the Company at next meetinge.

[p. 231.] Thomas Sandelon. This daye a lease by consent of the Company was sealed and delivered to Thomas Sandelon of his dwelling-house, &c. of Mr. William Kendricke's guift.

George Witheridge. Thomas Williams' peticion in the behalfe of George Witheridge to be considered the 7th of October next when the poore boyes wilbe chosen to be placed with the Bishopp of Canterbury's guift.

John Bartlett. This daye the toll of the Markett was lett unto John Bartlett for one yeare from Michaelmas next, at and for the rent of fiftye pounds (cleere rent) over and above all contribucion, taxes and duties whatsoever.

[p. 232.] Mundaye, 2° October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. Henry Frewin, *Maior*. Mr. William Mills, *Maior elect*, Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William

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Brackston, Mr. Simon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Samuel Johnson. This daye Richard Johnson, John Stretch and Edward Johnson were presented for security for Samuel Johnson for 25*li.*, which security are accepted.

Joseph Cope. Upon the peticion of Joseph Cope, clothier, agreed that hee shall have 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift according to his peticion, upon the security of Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. Thomas Cope and George Bent.

Mr. Maior. This daye Mr. William Mills, the newe elected Maior, in the presence of his last predecessor Maior and the residue of the Aldermen and Assistants above-named, did take his corporall oath to doe the office of Maior, Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Clerke of the Markett within this Borough and the liberties thereof.

And then Mr. Henry Frewin, the last precedent Maior, did take his corporall oath to execute the office of a Justice of Peace within the said Borough and the libertyes thereof during one whole yeare next ensueing.

And then alsoe Joel Stevens and Samuel Jemmatt being lately chosen Chamberlaynes of the said Borough did take their oaths to execute the office of Chamberlens accordingly.

And then alsoe the said Maior did nominate and appoint Constables and Wardens of the said Borough for this yeare ensueing, vizt.

Edward Kent Robert Remnant * Robert Terroll *	Constables. * Sworn.
William Malthus George Flower John Hall	Wardens of High Ward, sworn.
[p. 233.] John Evens William Grove	Wardens of Minster Ward, sworn.

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Henry Freeman Robert Stampe	Wardens of London Ward, sworn.
William Westmerland Henry Boade	Wardens of New Ward, sworn.
John Browne Thomas Froome	Wardens of Old Ward, sworn.

[p. 234.] Fridaye, the 6th of October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell.

John Hall, John Stevens. This daye John Hall, apothecary, and John Stevens, grocer, are voted and appointed to have 25*li.* a-peice of Sir Thomas White's guift for tenn yeares gratis (there being not Clothiers enough that have made any suite for those summes).

Mr. Stevens, Mr. Jemmatt. Then Joel Stevens and Samuel Jemmatt were appointed to make sale (by the acre) of the Coppicewood att Greinmer Hill.

Resolved that upon Tuesdaye next at two in the afternoone the Company will meete in the Townehall to consider of some course touching the satisfaccion of the monyes for which Mr. Brackston and others of the Company are sued att lawe by Mr. Stroughill or Mr. Bunbury.

William Jones. This daye the Company did agree to accept of William Jones, of Whitley, as security for Joseph Hall in the steede of Richard Stevenson.

This daye the Court-Leete and Lawe-daye of and for this

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Borough was holden in the Guild-hall there before the said Mr. William Mills, Maior.

The names of the Jury.

Roger Sherfeild	sworne.	John Jemmatt	sworne.
Moses Willis		Richard Levyns	
Andrewe Binfeild		William White	
Francis Browne		Joseph Stockwell	
John Chandler		Jonathan Smith	
Mathewe Turner		Humfrey Moore	
Francis Tossell		John Asten	
Edward Bennett		James Blewett	
Henry Cater		Thomas Wylder	

[p. 235.] Roger Sherfeild, Moses Willis, Andrewe Binfeild, Francis Browne — Affeirers, sworne.

Ordered that the former Jury doe bring in their presentments upon Tuesdaye next at the Townehall.

Ordered that the present Jury doe bring in their presentments into the Court att the next Leete that they may be there affiered.

[p. 236.] Satterday, the 7th of October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wilder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell.

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Resolved upon the question that the Company doth agree to the order made by the Visitors anno 1648, touching the Minister's allowance of St. Lawrence.

At this tyme the Company promised to Mr. John Harrison one of the x*li.* (if it ariseth to soe much) the next yeare with his apprentice, Benjamen Mills, sonne of Humfrey Mills, th'elder.

At this tyme alsoe the Company agreed that Richard Thorne, broadweaver, should have one of the x*li.* of the Bishopp's guift the next yeare with his apprentice, John Harrison.

Agreed that next yeare Pither's boye's name be first putt into the list of the Boyes for the Bishopp of Canterburye's guift.

At this time eleccion was made of Boyes to be bound Apprentices with the monyes given for that purpose by the late Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, and these poore Boyes were then elected, vizt.

William Ward . .	in St. Lawrence parishe.
Richard Shervill . .	
Thomas Cole . .	
Edward Newell . .	in St. Marie's parishe.
Thomas Isdale . .	
Thomas Wylder . .	
George Witheridge .	
Anthony Sadler . .	in St. Giles' parishe.
Richard Gibbs . .	
Henry Ryder . .	

John Fulkes in Bray parishe.

None presented from Wokingham att this tyme.

[p. 237.] Tuesday, 10 October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Henry Frewin *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

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Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castell.

Presentments. This daye the Jury for the Court-Leete holden the 24th of Aprill last brought in their presentmentes and amerciamentes; ordered that they be forthwith estreated.

500*li.* to Mr. Stroughill. Upon debate concerning the 500*li.*, which Mr. Brackston and others were sued for att lawe and have given security for payment thereof to Mr. Bunbury; agreed that noe advantage be taken on either side of any thing that shalbe offred or propounded therein.

[p. 238.] Wensday, 18° October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., [Steward.]

Mr. Knight. A bill of 26*li.* 17*s.* signed by Mr. Maior for payment thereof by Mr. James to Mr. Knight.

Mr. Burningham, Mr. Holloway. Agreed that Mr. Burningham and Mr. Hollowaye doe goe to London next weeke in order to the management of the tryall in Chancery and answereing to the bill there exhibited against the Company.

Widowe Page et alii. The peticion of Widowe Page and others for a share of Mris Swaddon's guift read and debated and agreed to be further considered when the rent comes in.

James Weaver. This daye James Weaver, sonne of James Weaver, late of Wokingham, butcher, deceased, is chosen and appoynted the poore boy for that Towne to be bound apprentice with monyes of the Bishop of Canterbury's guift.

Mr. Aldworth. Agreed that a lettre be sent by Mr. William

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Brackstone to Mr. Lewis for the speedy payment of the monyes given to this Corporacion by Mr. Aldworth.

Captain Curtis, James Maynard. Agreed that a writt be sent for against Captain Curtis and James Maynard to enforce them to paye in the 50*li.* for which they stand ingaged to the Corporacion.

500*li.* Upon debate concerning the 500*li.* lent by Mr. Stroughill upon the security of Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, and others, it is agreed that fiftye pounds a yeare be paid out of the Hall revenues (unto them) as they shall growe due untill the said 500*li.* shalbe paid unto them whereof they are to receive in hand 25*li.* out of the rentes due at Michaelmas last.

[p. 239.] Fridaye, the 20th of October, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior.* Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackston *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Alright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Bislye, Thomas Blower, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed, Clement Marlowe *, William Castle *.

Mr. Thomas Harrison. Resolved that it be enquired whether Mr. Thomas Harrison or his wife have compounded with the Commissioners for compounding for the 600*li.* which hee pretendeth to be due from the Corporacion.

Order for raysing of mony for payment of the Hall debtes. Upon serious consideracion and debate had concerning the raysing of monyes for payment of the Hall debtes, it is nowe unanimously thought fitt and resolved that proposition be made to the severall tenantes of the Hall revenues and landes that they may renue their leases for threescore yeares certaine, payeing the old rentes and considerable fines for the same.

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500*li.* by 50*li.* per annum. It is alsoe nowe thought fitt and resolved that, according to the former agreament of the Company of the 18th instant, fiftye pounds a yeare be paid out of the Hall revenues unto Mr. William Brackston, Mr. Symon Dee, and others, that are ingaged for the payment of the 500*li.* recovered against them by Mr. Stroughill, untill the said 500*li.* be thereof paid, and that they shall receive in hand 25*li.* out of the rentes due at Michaelmas last in parte of payment of the said 50*li.* a yeare.

Mr. Webb's Almes-people. Agreed alsoe that Mr. Webb's Almes-people be paid xij*d.* a-peice every weeke by the Chamberlen for Charitable uses, and that in regard the rentes of the house by him given for their releife will not amount to the said payment throughout the whole yeare, that the said Chamberlen doe pay them viij*s.* a yeare out of the generall guifts for Charitable uses.

[p. 240.] Wensdaye, the first of November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee *, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt *, William Beislye *, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

John Stevens. This daye Mr. Joel Stevens, Humfry Mills, the younger, and Humfry Moore are accepted for security for John Stevens, grocer, for 25*li.* of Sir Thomas White's guift.

Doctor Swaddon. Agreed that an acquittance be made for 12*li.* arrere of Doctor Swaddon's guift and that Mr. Joel Stevens take care to procure the money.

John Redford. This day the Company accepted of 6*s.* of John Redford's wife for his amerciament with this caution, that hee offend noe more.

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Henry Freeman. This daye Henry Freeman, late apprentice to William Oades, clothier, 7 yeares by indenture, was admitted into the freedome of the Borough.

William Jones and his apprentice. Upon complaint against William Jones, cooper, for misuseing of [*blank*] Baldin, his apprentice, and heareing of the allegacions on both sides, itt appeareth that the said William Jones hath greivously kickt and throwne his said apprentice against the ground; yet upon his promise of well usage of his apprentice hereafter it is ordered that the apprentice contynue in his Master's service during his apprentishipp and that his Master be carefull to use him well.

Jonas Hickes. Upon the peticion of Jonas Hickes, agreed that the Chamberlaine for Charitable uses doe provide a cloth coate for the peticioner.

Mr. Brackston. Upon the motion of Mr. William Brackston concerning the charges expended in the last suite in Chancery by him and those that were bound for the 500*li.* to Mr. Stroughill, it is agreed that the Company will paye them the ordinary charges of draweing the bill, Councell's and Atturney's fees and subpenas.

The accompts for Charitable uses to be given up this daye senight.

[p. 241.] Wensdaye, 8° November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

Assistants.

Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James, Joel Stevens, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe *, William Castell *.

Accountes. This daye Mr. Joel Stevens, late Chamberlayne for Charitable uses in this Corporacion, did deliver up his accounte in

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writeing (nowe openly read) of all such monyes as hee received and disbursed during the tyme of his office, which account is allowed by the Maior and Aldermen.

James Penn. This daye James Penn, being amerced 10*s*. for two severall offences, the Company accepted of 4*s*.

Mr. Deane and Mr. Pococke. Whereas some surplus is remayning upon the account of the guiftes of Mr. Deane and Mr. Pococke, it is agreed that 3 poore Boyes, whereof one to be chosen out of each parishe in this Corporacion, shall be allowed 6*d*. a-peice a weeke of that gift, and that the Overseers of each parishe have notice to present the poore Boyes accordingly.

Thomas Curtis. Agreed that Mr. Jemmatt, the Chamberlayne for Charitable uses, doe treate about the quitrent demaunded out of the lands in Burghfeild, which Thomas Curtis holdeth, and paye what is justly due for the same.

John Steare. Upon the complaint of John Steare, one of Mr. Willyam Kendrick's Almes-men, against the poore Almes-woman there for not doeing her dutie in washing of his cloths, and upon Mr. Jemmatt['s] allegacions of some misdemeanours committed by the said John Steare, it is ordered that the poore woman and witnesses be sent for and examined in this busines.

Isdall's boye. Agreed that Isdall's boye, who was lately appointed to be apprentice to Thomas Richardson, shall nowe be bound to Charles Smith, clothier.

[p. 242.] Mr. Handes. Agreed that some speedy course be taken for the setlement of the 40*s*. a yeare of Mr. Palmer's guift to the poore of this Corporacion.

Mr. Aldworth. Agreed that the copie of Mr. Aldworth's will be delivered to Mr. William Brackstone to carry upp to London to advise with Councell for the recovery of the legacy given to this Corporacion.

John Stevens, grocer, informeth that upon Munday night last, about 9 or 10 of the clocke, his bulke next the Streete was broken open and hee supposeth that one Abraham Coombe did breake open the same, for that hee was found in the said bulke about that tyme.

The examinacion of the said Abraham Coombe.

Who sayth that hee came from Tiverton about 2 or 3 months agoe, where hee dwelt with his father (a taylor) but hath noe testi-

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moniall, and denieth the breaking open of the bulke or any consent thereunto.

Fridaye, the 10th of November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Henry Frewin *, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison *, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

[Assistants.]

Daniel Blagrave, Esq., Samuel Jemmatt.

At this tyme upon reading of the order of the Commissioners for Charitable uses at Guildhall of the second instant, Mr. Blagrave is appointed to attend there on Thursday the 16th instant and to act in the behalfe of the Corporacion.

Memorandum, the 8th of November, 1654, I delivered to Mr. Frewin to carry with him to London to-morrowe 3 bills of charges about the suite concerning Mr. Blagrave, vizt.

	li.	s.	d.
One bill of . . .	025	17	0
Another of . . .	120	11	8
Another of . . .	007	16	0

with a memento for 10*li.* mencioned on the backside of one of the fyles.

per me Edw. Wilmer.

[p. 243.] Wensdaye, the 22th of November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maior*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope *.

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[p. 246.] Wensdaye, 6 December, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. William Brackstone*, Mr. Symon Dee*, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison*, Mr. Thomas Bateman*, Mr. Peter Thorne*, Mr. William Wylder*, Mr. Thomas Cope.

Samuel Jemmatt.

At this tyme Mr. Knight brought in a copie of the bill in Chancery exhibited by M^ris^ Harrison against Mr. Maior and the Company; the consideracion thereof refer'd till Quarter-daye.

[p. 247.] Quarter-daye, Mundaye, the 18th of December, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman*, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder, Mr. Thomas Cope.

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Walter Surman. Agreed that Walter Surman be placed in the Almes-howse of Sir Thomas Vachell's guift void by the death of Richard Broadbancke, late deceased.

John Sparrucke. Agreed that John Sparrucke for x*s*. fine to be paid at Michaellmas next shall renue his lease of his howse and land att Whitchurch and to put in such third life as hee shall by that time nominate in the roome of his wife, late deceased.

High Steward. Resolved upon the question that the Company will choose a High Steward of this Corporacion; and att this tyme

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the right Honourable Bulstrode Lord Whitlocke is chosen High Steward of this Corporacion in the place of Colonel Robert Hammond, deceased.

Widowe Page, Goody Preslye. This daye Widowe Page and Goodye Preslye, kinswomen to Doctor Swaddon or his wife, made further suite for monyes of Doctor Swaddon's guift; the Company not thinking fitt to accept of the 8*li.* in full of all arrers (being 16*li.*) of that guift (which 8*li.* is in Mr. Knight's hands) the said Page and Preslye are appointed to attend againe when the Company shall receive any money of that guift.

Mr. Churchill. Agreed that Mr. Churchill be employed to drawe upp an answere to Mrs Harrison's bill in Chancery against the next terme and that Mr. Knight be acquainted with it.

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William Oades *, Roger Stevens *, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castle *.

John Wympey. Agreed that John Wympey, the younger, shall have five poundes of Mr. Marten's guift with Cook's boy to be his apprentice, upon security of John Wympey, th'elder, and one other sufficient man to be bound for repayment thereof.

23° November, 1654.

Mr. Maior, Mr. Frewin, Mr. Thackham.

Lieutenant John Jose, of Captain Gregorton's Company in Major-Generall Haynes' regiment, quartered one Company of about 90 in this Towne by order from Quartermaster-Generall Gravenour; promised payment for their quarters.

[p. 244.] Satterdaye, the 25th of November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour*. Mr. Peter Burningham *, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge, Mr. Richard Hollowaye *, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman *, Mr. Peter Thorne *, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

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Daniel Blagrave *, Esq., Richard Allright *, Robert James *, Joel Stevens *, Samuel Jemmatt, William Beislye, Thomas Blower *, William Oades, Roger Stevens, Robert Creed *, Clement Marlowe, William Castle.

Mr. Blagrave. At this tyme Mr. Maiour produced a lettre from Mr. Walter Knight, dated at Staple Inn 24° November, 1654, with a writeing inclosed purporting a report concerning the busines in Chancery, wherein Mr. Daniel Blagrave is plaintiff against the Maior, Aldermen and Burgesses of Reading: upon reading and debate of which report itt is agreed that it be transcribed with this alteracion, vizt. whereas therein 90*li.* is mencioned to be paid to the Company for their charges, (insteed of 90*li.*) there shalbe 120*li.* according to the Judge's first order; and whereas itt is sett downe

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in the said report that the first yeare's rent of 40*li.* is to be paid the 25th of March, 1656, it shalbe 1655, or within 30ty daies after; and with this alteracion Mr. Frewin and Mr. Castle are appointed to carry it to London, Mr. Maior first to signe it.

Mr. Brackstone. Upon reading a lettre from Mr. William Brackstone at London desireing that the copie of Mr. Aldworth's will may be sent to him, it is agreed that it be delivered to Mr. Frewin to carry upp to London to Mr. Brackstone.

[p. 245.] Wensdaye, the 29th of November, 1654.

Aldermen.

Mr. William Mills, *Maiour.* Mr. Peter Burningham, Mr. Henry Frewin, Mr. Thomas Thackham, Mr. William Brackstone *, Mr. Symon Dee, Mr. George Wooldridge *, Mr. Richard Hollowaye, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Thomas Bateman, Mr. Peter Thorne, Mr. William Wylder *, Mr. Thomas Cope.

[Assistants.]

Robert James, Samuel Jemmatt.

At this tyme Widowe Plumridge, of St. Giles' parishe, is chosen an Almes-woman of John Alarder's to be placed in the Almes-howse void by the death of Widowe Grey.

Thomas Symons. This daye Thomas Symons his wife brought in 15*s.*, which with 4*li.* 5*s.* formerly received of him by Nicholas Lanfeare and now likewise brought in by him is in full of 5*li.* of Mr. Marten's guift formerly lent to the said Thomas Symons.

Thomas Curtis. This daye Mr. Thomas Curtis brought and paid in the Councell Chamber to Mr. Robert James, Chamberlen, 50*li.* of Mr. John Kenricke's money, for which the said Mr. Curtis, James Maynard, and William Curtis, clothier, stood bound to paye.

Colonel Fortescue. At this tyme there was produced a writing signed by Colonel Fortescue in theis wordes, vizt. You are to march 5 Companyes of my Regiment to Reading and quarter there till further order, 28° November, 1654.

Richard Fortescue.

To Captain Leverington or the cheefe officers present.

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